COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1131449

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06293107
Registered	2009-09-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CROFT WARD OF BLYTH VALLEY DISTRICTOF NORTHUMBERLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUTDISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THELOCAL AUTHORITIES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TOADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFAREFOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THECONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS;(B) ESTABLISH AND SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE ("THE CENTRE")AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE, OR TO CO-OPERATE WITH ANY LOCAL STATUTORYAUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIESPROMOTED BY THE COMPANY AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THEABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: OUR OBJECTIVES ARE TO DELIVER AND DEVELOP SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOCUS TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF OUR COMMUNITY, WITHOUT DISTINCTION, IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS AND PUBLIC ALIKE.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTHUMBERLAND
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£208,607	£194,752	-	-
2024-09-30	£214,542	£186,777	-	-
2023-09-30	£177,803	£160,260	-	-
2022-09-30	£234,251	£227,759	-	-
2021-09-30	£222,196	£226,847	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
FOSTER BURT	Chair	
Aziz Sha Mohammed		2024-05-23
RUBINA KASHIF		2018-02-01
Steven Ronald Frake		2019-02-07

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COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Cowpen Quay Community Association

Annual Report 2025

The Buffalo Community Centre
55 Regent Street
BLYTH
Northumberland
NE24 1LL

Mission Statement

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.

To establish, run and maintain the Buffalo Community Centre, and to promote activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Those objectives embraced by the charity include working with:

Children and young people

Elderly people

People with a disability or special needs

General public

Activities provided include:

Education and training

Activities for the disabled

Arts and culture

Sports and recreation



Honorary Chairperson's Report

Another year has passed, and we find CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) is in our 51th year of our project like many more before, has seen our centre develop new activities and some not continuing due to the changes in trends. On a positive note, we have a variety of development plans for the future and will continue to deliver the best service we can to our community.

We should never underestimate the job that our staff team do along with the hard work our volunteers and Management Committee and centre manager do to make this another successful year for the Association. Without them our centre could not function successfully and I offer them heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the Association and the people who use our community centre.

Once again, our Youth Clubs and other young people's projects, over 50s arts/crafts groups, Global Majority (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group, camera club and many more continue to flourish.

Supported with funding assistance from Eileen and the work our team of youth leaders do, both staff they are exceptional in their work with our young people. Our Junior Youth Club has become very well established and continues to grow successfully with many exciting projects planned to benefit our community.

The support local people have continued to provide; completing valuable maintenance. Together with the local council our young people, they have carried out some tremendous clean-up work around the locality. We wish to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of our Association.

Finally, our groups, who are as always, the Association's soul; the reason we have been so successful over the years, and I would like to express our thanks to you for our success over the past year. We gained a new local Trustee this year who has many years of business experience and he will complement our current Trustees. We will endeavour to continue to provide the services we offer for all current and potential centre users, and to be there when they require us. With our volunteers and local support, we will continue to offer a welcoming and friendly centre where community activities take place.

Foster Burt



Chairperson Cowpen Quay Community Association

CQCA Centre Report

CQCA have had a busy year in the centre with work being done in the centre. We have had new windows installed in the office, hall, and toilets; these have been a great asset to the Building and have so far made the building quieter and improved insulation as the rooms seem to retain heat more. The window company have been really supportive to the centre and worked well with the staff they also supported us with a donation of £500 for our youth clubs, they have said they would like to support us in the future and hope to come down soon to see how they can support us.

Our youth projects applied for an environment award related to the new rewiring that was completed last year, as they supported this through feedback and funding, among other things. They have also been doing litter picks around the area and recycling at the centre. We won the environment award in November, and the young people were thrilled to achieve this milestone.

This year also saw our fourth annual Iftar organised in collaboration with the Dialogue Society. The event was well attended by various representatives from the community, such as the Mayor, the High Sheriff of Northumberland, the Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland, police and fire service personnel, local councillors, and many other community representatives. This day was enjoyed by all and brought the community together as a whole to celebrate as one. Everyone had a wonderful time, enjoying the entertainment and food, as well as networking, which helped support other projects within the community.

International Women's Day was another well-attended event this year, with women of many differing cultures coming together to celebrate. They all enjoyed different foods that are traditional dishes from various cultures.

We celebrated Ukraine Day this year in the park pavilion with outdoor games and food for the families to enjoy. It was smaller, as many families are now settled into the community and have found employment, etc.

This year, our centre has hosted sessions aimed at supporting new carers. These sessions cover topics such as powers of attorney, disability benefits, the blue badge application process, equipment, and other relevant support services. They are well-attended and serve as an excellent support network for those who provide care for others.

In October, we hosted the Week of Action at the centre. It was attended by various representatives from the community, such as the council, police, fire and rescue, Northumberland Recovery Programme, and community volunteers. The event was well attended by all. We conducted training on recycling, litter picking, and clearing fly-tipping, as well as sessions to educate the public on how to use bins correctly. At the end, we also held a social gathering for everyone involved to discuss the outcomes of the work we all did over the week.

The yoga sessions have been held here for the past year and have now concluded because the group grew too large for the hall space available, and the instructor decided to branch out on her own and acquire a building. Her future looks very promising, and we are pleased to have supported her throughout her journey into this new adventure.

We have worked with various training providers over the past year who have delivered courses to help people back into employment. Other courses we have had here include CSCE card training for construction sites, training for warehouse work and health and safety. These courses are always well attended and enjoyed by the community.

We have recently replaced the fire escape staircase at the rear of the building, as it was becoming worn due to age and weather conditions. It has now been upgraded to galvanised steel, ensuring it will last a very long time and improving the building for future generations. We have had the flat roof replaced, which is located under the fire escape. We also identified that the other flat roof, which is for the boiler room and gas cupboard, also needs replacing. This will be done towards the end of the year. Other works are planned as we always aim to keep the building in a good state of repair.

We held a coffee morning at the centre to support a local club that had a fire, which affected the building's operation. They needed to raise funds quickly to carry out repairs so they could continue generating income. We managed to raise over £80 in just a couple of hours to support them.

Dale has been actively participating in the Town Deal Board meetings, which is giving him valuable insight into what's happening in Blyth. It also provides him with the opportunity to ensure that the community has its say in matters discussed at the Blyth business network meetings.

Jo and Dale are part of the Blyth Better Together meetings which have proved thought-provoking, good for networking; with a lot of information sharing about local issues and positive outcomes from the community working together. The youth aspect has been particularly interesting, with very little antisocial behaviour reported thanks to effective youth work in the area.

Our staff have taken part in certified training to ensure they are up to date with new laws and legislation for first aid, food hygiene, allergies and safeguarding.

The youth clubs have been very successful over the past year, attracting a lot of new young people to our sessions. We have worked with them on various topics such as healthy eating, food hygiene, drug and alcohol awareness, energy drink risks, smoking, vaping, and bullying, to mention a few. Each week, over 70-80 young people attend, which is fantastic to see. This attendance shows that young people enjoy and learn from the sessions, as they tend to engage more willingly when it is their choice, unlike statutory activities like school. The young people were over the moon with the new Nintendo switch that was donated from one of our other groups who use our building, they have all really enjoyed playing games on it. The youth workers along with karbon Homes have been able to secure a gated outside green space for outside youth activities.

Our SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disability) group attended a course from a local training provider called Winnovation Training, where they learnt skills in independent living and emergency first aid. All the young people participated in and enjoyed the sessions. One young person has since moved out and is now living in supported living.

This year has been busy in the centre, and a lot of changes are going on, but the team has worked well together to ensure the best for our community.

Celebrating a Remarkable Milestone!

We are absolutely thrilled to share that our incredible Chair, Foster Burt, has been honoured by the High Sheriff of Northumberland for an astounding 51 years of volunteering with our charity.

Foster's dedication, compassion, and tireless commitment to our community have shaped the very heart of our organisation. From championing local causes to supporting generations of volunteers, his impact has been nothing short of extraordinary.

This award is a well-deserved recognition of a lifetime of service — and we couldn't be prouder.

Please join us in congratulating Foster on this wonderful achievement. Here's to his legacy of kindness and leadership!



We would like to thank all of the funders and partners who have supported us in order to achieve our goals, together we can support the community we serve to the best of our abilty.

Funders who have support us over this past year:

James Knott
Garfield Western
William Leech
High Sheriff
Ballinger Trust
Arnold Clark
RW Mann
Bernard Sunley
JH Burn
Scofield
Barbour Foundation
NCC
Community Foundation
County Council VE Event
Hadrian trust
Catherine Cookson
St Hilda's Trust

Baily Thomas
Karbon Homes
Joicey Trust
Croft Lodge Freemasons
De Oyly Carte
Shears foundation
Carr Ellis
Open circle



4th Annual Iftar



VE Day



Saint Georges Day



Fused Glass Workshop



Litter pick around local area



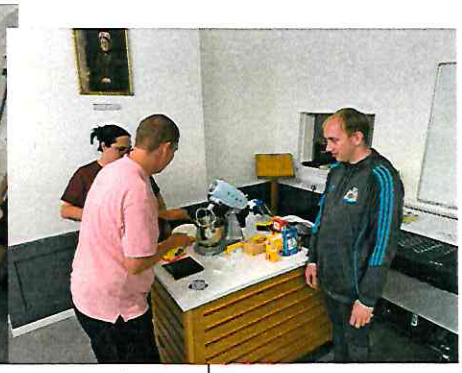
Visit from Northumberland Fire and Rescue



When Newcastle won the Carabao Cup







Cooking sessions



Receiving Environment award



First aid training



Young people receiving their certificates



Busy session



Comfy corner



Taking Nora her 90th birthday cards from the youth club

Accounts
And
Centre Report

Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity No. (1131449)
Co. Registration No. (6293107)

Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th September 2025

Steve Hancock Consultancy
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08/01/2026
Robins Kaushik.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended September 30 9 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2025

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, and SORP 2005: Accounting& reporting by Charities.

Reference & Administration details

Charity name	Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity Registration Number	1131449
Company Number	6293107
Registered Office	55 Regent Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 1LL

Directors

Foster Burt	
Aziz Sha Mohammed	
Rubina Kashif	
Steve Frake	Company Secretary

Trustees

Foster Burt	Chair
Aziz Sha Mohammed	
Rubina Kashif	Treasurer
Steve Frake	Vice Chair/Secretary

Management

Eileen Cartie	Centre Manager

Accountants

Steve Hancock

Bankers

TSB
3-5 Newgate Street
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 1AN

08/01/2026.
Rubina Kashif

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2025

Structure, Governance & Management

Cowpen Quay Community Association Limited was incorporated 26th June 2006 with objectives being embodied in the Memorandum of Association. Methods of elections of Trustees are in place and reviewed from time to time.

Procedures for the induction of Trustees includes a skills audit in the form of examination of Curriculum Vitae to establish suitability for the post. Basic level checks are performed on prospective Trustees to ensure that they hold no criminal offences. More in depth checks can be carried out should the need arise. Induction programmes are in operation which inform the Trustee of the Charities objects, the financial position and any issues facing the Charity. Day to day management of the centre is delegated to the centre manager.

The management committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

Objectives & Activities.

The objectives of the Charitable Company are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.
2. To establish, run and maintain a community centre in cooperation with any local statutory body involved in the management of the centre and to promote activities in furtherance of the charities objects.

Those embraced by the charities objects include:

- Children and young people
- Elderly People
- People with disability or special needs
- General public

Activities provided:

- Education and training
- Activities for disabled
- Arts and Cultural Sports and recreation

Trough:

- Staff and volunteers
- Buildings, facilities and open space

Financial Review

In establishing the Associations policy on reserves consideration has been given to the following:

The need for reserves:

- The development of any new function
- The underpinning of longer commitments
- Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing policy
- The level of reserves
- Maintenance of reserves at a legal level

Reserves

The management has examined the Charities funding requirements for working capital and in the unlikely event that the centre could not continue its activities provision should be made for the establishment of reserves £95-£100k within unrestricted funding.

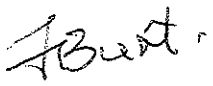
Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Foster Burt 

Chairperson

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT'S TO THE DIRECTOR'S OF
COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As described in the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2025 set out on pages 5 to 12 and you consider that the company is exempt from audit.

In accordance with the instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

STEVE HANCOCK CONSULTANCY
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NORTH SHIELDS
TYNE & WEAR
NE29 0PL

25th November 2025

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 30th September 2025

	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2025	Total 2024
Incoming Resources						
Grants and Donations	3	17142	111395	36846	165383	171642
Other Income	3			43224	43224	42900
Transfer cash to Purchase Fixed Assets		30952		(30,952)	0	-
Total Incoming Resources		48094	111395	49118	208607	214542
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenses	4		134990	30515	165505	173469
Depreciation	4	29247			29247	13308
Total Resources Expended		29247	134990	30515	194752	186777
Net Incoming resources		18,847	(23,595)	18,603	13,855	27,765
Fund Balance @ 30/9/24		7520	213426	217142	438088	410323
Transfer Between Funds						
Fund Balance @ 30/9/2025	7	26,367	189831	235,745	451943	438088

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2025

	Note	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	6	54936			54936	53231
Current Assets						
Debtors				14488	14488	14541
Bank			189831	222062	411893	419421
Cash				1300	1300	371
		0	189831	237850	427681	434333
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors and Defer Income	8	(28,569)		(2,105)	(30,674)	(49,476)
Net Current Assets		(28,569)	189,831	235745	397007	384857
Long Term Liabilities	8				0	0
Total Net Assets		26,367	189831	235745	451943	438088
Funds						
Restricted Funds	7	26,367	189831		216198	220946
Unrestricted Funds - Free	7			115745	115745	97142
- Designated	7			120000	120000	120000
		26,367	189,831	235,745	451943	438088

For the year ending 30th September 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' Responsibilities :

a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
c) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with SORP FS102.

The financial statements were approved by the board on .....and were signed by:

..... Director

08/09/2026.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2025

Notes To The Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and follow the recommendation in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP (FS102).
Income and Expenditure is recorded on an accruals basis.

Incoming Resources

Monies received from capital grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis and the fixed assets included in cost in the balance sheet. A restricted fund has been established in the balance sheet and will reduce each year by the charge of depreciation.

Revenue grants

Gross amounts received are recognised within incoming resources and the corresponding expense is shown within outgoing resources.

Hire of Hall

All monies received are shown separately within the SOFA under incoming resources and are shown in unrestricted funds.

Fixed Assets Depreciation and Impairment

The treatment of assets within the organisation is in line with Charities SORP (FRS102). Management has reviewed the policy on the value of Leasehold Improvements over 15 years old and established a policy where these assets have been fully written off. Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost over there useful lives and before expiration of the lease on the building as follows:

Leasehold Improvements 2023>	30%	Straight Line
Computer equipment	20%	Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equiment	20%	Straight Line

2 **Taxation**

The charity is registered and exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2025

Notes To The Accounts

3	**Incoming Resources**	**Restricted Capital** £	**Restricted Revenue** £	**Unrestricted** £	**Total 2025** £	**Total 2024** £
	Grants & Donations					
	Deferred Income Released	17142			17142	11428
	Donation			1683	1683	439
	Children In Need				0	16740
	Arnold Clark			1000	1000	0
	Community foundation		16965	6750	23715	24385
	NCC		14930	2250	17180	0
	St. Hilda's			2000	2000	0
	Balinger Trust		40000		40000	20000
	Bernard Sunley Found			3765	3765	1000
	William Leach			3750	3750	8750
	Albert Hunt				0	4000
	Hays Travel			686	686	0
	Virgin Money				0	10000
	Awards 4 All				0	20000
	The Doyle Carte		6000		6000	
	Joicey Trust			2000	2000	0
	RW Mann			2000	2000	2000
	Barbour Trust		5000		5000	5000
	Hadrian Trust			500	500	0
	Bailey Thomas			5000	5000	0
	J H Burn			400	400	0
	The Shears Foundation		6000		6000	9000
	Catherine Cookson			500	500	0
	James Knott		15000		15000	15000
	Blyth Town Council			162	162	0
	Scofield			850	850	0
	Rothley Trust			800	800	0
	Northumbria Police				0	5000
	Bernicia Fund				0	10000
	Garfield Weston		7500		7500	7500
	Banks			2000	2000	1000
	CAF			750	750	400
		17142	111395	36846	165383	171642
	Other Income					
	Membership Dues			342	342	360
	Staff & Support Fees			1503	1503	730
	Hire of Premises			41374	41374	40953
	Other			5	5	857
		17142	111395	80070	208607	214542

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2025

Notes To The Accounts

		Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
4	**Outgoing Resources**					
	Direct Charitable Expenditure					
	Wages & Salaries		134990		134990	129171
	Travel & Entertainment			567	567	1238
	Telephone			552	552	582
	Utilities			5857	5857	13997
	Rates & Council Tax			551	551	387
	Insurance			1604	1604	1426
	Cleaning			1638	1638	919
	Print,Postage and Stationary			399	399	1280
	Repairs And Maintenance - General			5446	5446	3428
	General Office Expenses			1821	1821	5754
	Volunteer Expenses			60	60	100
	Professional Fees			5309	5309	8189
	Premises Expenses			1817	1817	524
	Repairs and maintenance - Security			1189	1189	4536
	Repairs and Renewals - Equipment			2540	2540	1463
	Consumables			657	657	135
	Licenses & Software			508	508	340
	Waste Collection				-	-
	Catering				-	-
	Depreciation	29247			29247	13308
	Impairment				0	0
		29247	134990	30515	194752	186777

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2025

Notes To The Accounts

5 **Staff Costs**

	2025	2024
Wages & Salaries	126499	121161
National Insurance	5654	5308
Pension Costs	2837	2702
Total	134990	129171
Staff Numbers		
Management and Staff	3	4
Sessional Youth Workers	1	2
Actual numbers employed		
Full Time	3	4
Part Time	2	3

6 **Fixed Assets**

	Restricted				Unrestricted		
	Leasehold Improvements	Fix,ftgs & Equipment	Computer Equipment	L/Hold Improve 2023>	Fix,ftgs & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost							
As at 1/10/24	392916	28268	19627	66539	31604	9382	548336
Additions				30952			30952
Disposals							
As at 30/9/25	392916	28268	19627	97491	31604	9382	579288
Depreciation							
As at 1/10/24	392916	28268	19627	13308	31604	9382	495105
Charge				29247			29247
Disposals							
Impairment							
As at 30/9/25	392916	28268	19627	42555	31604	9382	524352
NBV							
As at 1/10/24	0	0	0	54231	0	0	54231
As at 30/9/25	0	0	0	54936	0	0	54936

The lease of the building is short term at an initial peppercorn rent, reviewed every 5 years over the lease period. The first review was on 1st August 2009. There has been no value ascribed to the rental income waived by Blyth Valley Borough Council. The lease is treated as an operating lease which ceases in 2029 but is subject to renewal.

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Fund Balances	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1/10/24	7520	213426	217142	438088	410323
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	18,847	(23,595)	18,603	13,855	27,765
Transfer Between Funds					
Balance 30/9/25	26367	189831	235745	451943	438088

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

Notes To The Accounts

8 **Deferred Income**

	Opening Balance	Income Released	Income Deferred	Closing Balance
	£	£		£
Refurbishment Costs	(45,711)	17,142		(28,569)
	(45,711)	17,142	0	(28,569)
Creditors & Accruals				(2,105)
Total Current Liabilities				(30,674)

Refurbishment grants are released to income over the depreciable life of the assets to which they relate.

Long term Liabilities

Total	

9 The association has not entered into any related party transactions.

10 Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

11 **Trustee Remuneration**	2025	2024
The Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year.	0	0

12 **Fees for examination of accounts**	2025	2024
	£	£
Auditors' Fees	-	-
Other Fees (Accountancy)	999	950

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2022

Notes To The Accounts

13 **List of Organisations Funding Cowpen Quay Community Association**
Awards received in the Financial year 2024/2025

Date	Organisation
Oct-24	Arnold Clark
	RW Mann
	Bernard Sunley
	J H Burn
	Scolfield
	Barbour Foundation
Nov 24	NCC
Jan 25	Community Foundation
	County Council
Feb 25	Community Foundation
	Hadrian Trust
	Catherine Cookson
	Community Foundation
Mar 25	Bailey Thomas
	Karbon Homes
	NCC
Apr 25	Joicey Trust
May 25	D'Oyly Carte
	Community Foundation
	Shears Foundation
	St. Hildas
	Open Circle
Sep 25	Ballinger Trust

Steve Hancock Consultancy

16 Appleby Park, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 0PL

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55 Regent Street
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25th November 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

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Basis of Examiner's Statement

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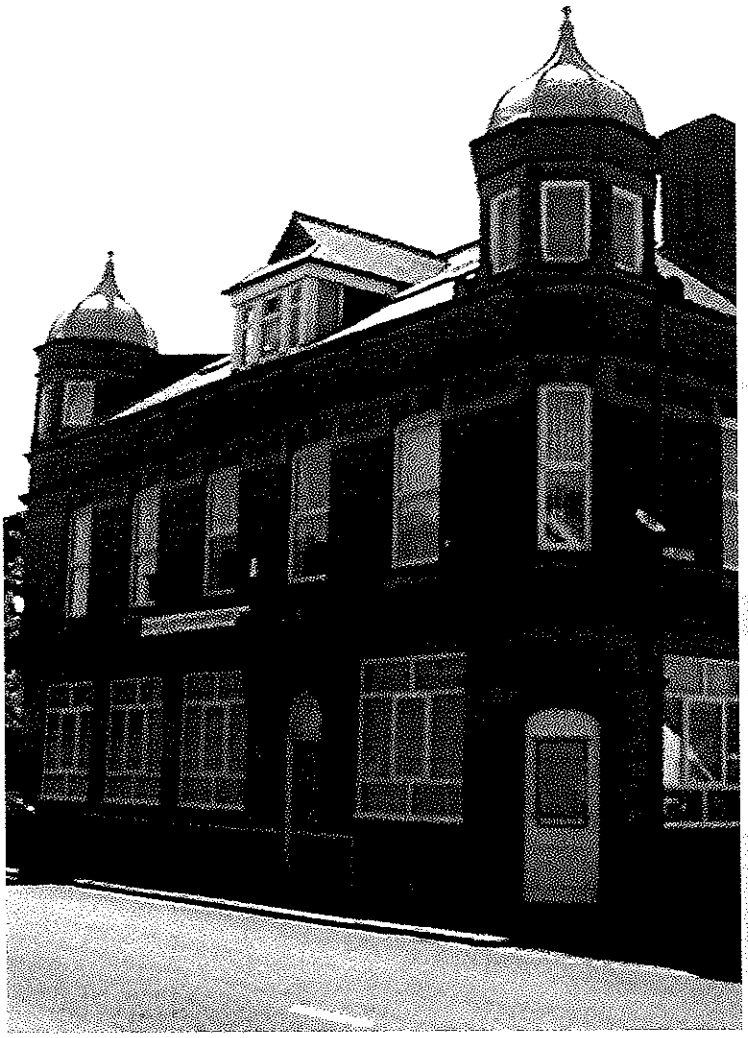
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Independent Examiner
Stephen Hancock

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Cowpen Quay Community Association

Annual Report 2025

The Buffalo Community Centre
55 Regent Street
BLYTH
Northumberland
NE24 1LL

Mission Statement

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.

To establish, run and maintain the Buffalo Community Centre, and to promote activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Those objectives embraced by the charity include working with:

Children and young people

Elderly people

People with a disability or special needs

General public

Activities provided include:

Education and training

Activities for the disabled

Arts and culture

Sports and recreation

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Honorary Chairperson's Report

Another year has passed, and we find CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) is in our 51th year of our project like many more before, has seen our centre develop new activities and some not continuing due to the changes in trends. On a positive note, we have a variety of development plans for the future and will continue to deliver the best service we can to our community.

We should never underestimate the job that our staff team do along with the hard work our volunteers and Management Committee and centre manager do to make this another successful year for the Association. Without them our centre could not function successfully and I offer them heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the Association and the people who use our community centre.

Once again, our Youth Clubs and other young people's projects, over 50s arts/crafts groups, Global Majority (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group, camera club and many more continue to flourish.

Supported with funding assistance from Eileen and the work our team of youth leaders do, both staff they are exceptional in their work with our young people. Our Junior Youth Club has become very well established and continues to grow successfully with many exciting projects planned to benefit our community.

The support local people have continued to provide; completing valuable maintenance. Together with the local council our young people, they have carried out some tremendous clean-up work around the locality. We wish to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of our Association.

Finally, our groups, who are as always, the Association's soul; the reason we have been so successful over the years, and I would like to express our thanks to you for our success over the past year. We gained a new local Trustee this year who has many years of business experience and he will complement our current Trustees. We will endeavour to continue to provide the services we offer for all current and potential centre users, and to be there when they require us. With our volunteers and local support, we will continue to offer a welcoming and friendly centre where community activities take place.

Foster Burt



Chairperson Cowpen Quay Community Association

CQCA Centre Report

CQCA have had a busy year in the centre with work being done in the centre. We have had new windows installed in the office, hall, and toilets; these have been a great asset to the Building and have so far made the building quieter and improved insulation as the rooms seem to retain heat more. The window company have been really supportive to the centre and worked well with the staff they also supported us with a donation of £500 for our youth clubs, they have said they would like to support us in the future and hope to come down soon to see how they can support us.

Our youth projects applied for an environment award related to the new rewiring that was completed last year, as they supported this through feedback and funding, among other things. They have also been doing litter picks around the area and recycling at the centre. We won the environment award in November, and the young people were thrilled to achieve this milestone.

This year also saw our fourth annual Iftar organised in collaboration with the Dialogue Society. The event was well attended by various representatives from the community, such as the Mayor, the High Sheriff of Northumberland, the Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland, police and fire service personnel, local councillors, and many other community representatives. This day was enjoyed by all and brought the community together as a whole to celebrate as one. Everyone had a wonderful time, enjoying the entertainment and food, as well as networking, which helped support other projects within the community.

International Women's Day was another well-attended event this year, with women of many differing cultures coming together to celebrate. They all enjoyed different foods that are traditional dishes from various cultures.

We celebrated Ukraine Day this year in the park pavilion with outdoor games and food for the families to enjoy. It was smaller, as many families are now settled into the community and have found employment, etc.

This year, our centre has hosted sessions aimed at supporting new carers. These sessions cover topics such as powers of attorney, disability benefits, the blue badge application process, equipment, and other relevant support services. They are well-attended and serve as an excellent support network for those who provide care for others.

In October, we hosted the Week of Action at the centre. It was attended by various representatives from the community, such as the council, police, fire and rescue, Northumberland Recovery Programme, and community volunteers. The event was well attended by all. We conducted training on recycling, litter picking, and clearing fly-tipping, as well as sessions to educate the public on how to use bins correctly. At the end, we also held a social gathering for everyone involved to discuss the outcomes of the work we all did over the week.

The yoga sessions have been held here for the past year and have now concluded because the group grew too large for the hall space available, and the instructor decided to branch out on her own and acquire a building. Her future looks very promising, and we are pleased to have supported her throughout her journey into this new adventure.

We have worked with various training providers over the past year who have delivered courses to help people back into employment. Other courses we have had here include CSCE card training for construction sites, training for warehouse work and health and safety. These courses are always well attended and enjoyed by the community.

We have recently replaced the fire escape staircase at the rear of the building, as it was becoming worn due to age and weather conditions. It has now been upgraded to galvanised steel, ensuring it will last a very long time and improving the building for future generations. We have had the flat roof replaced, which is located under the fire escape. We also identified that the other flat roof, which is for the boiler room and gas cupboard, also needs replacing. This will be done towards the end of the year. Other works are planned as we always aim to keep the building in a good state of repair.

We held a coffee morning at the centre to support a local club that had a fire, which affected the building's operation. They needed to raise funds quickly to carry out repairs so they could continue generating income. We managed to raise over £80 in just a couple of hours to support them.

Dale has been actively participating in the Town Deal Board meetings, which is giving him valuable insight into what's happening in Blyth. It also provides him with the opportunity to ensure that the community has its say in matters discussed at the Blyth business network meetings.

Jo and Dale are part of the Blyth Better Together meetings which have proved thought-provoking, good for networking; with a lot of information sharing about local issues and positive outcomes from the community working together. The youth aspect has been particularly interesting, with very little antisocial behaviour reported thanks to effective youth work in the area.

Our staff have taken part in certified training to ensure they are up to date with new laws and legislation for first aid, food hygiene, allergies and safeguarding.

The youth clubs have been very successful over the past year, attracting a lot of new young people to our sessions. We have worked with them on various topics such as healthy eating, food hygiene, drug and alcohol awareness, energy drink risks, smoking, vaping, and bullying, to mention a few. Each week, over 70-80 young people attend, which is fantastic to see. This attendance shows that young people enjoy and learn from the sessions, as they tend to engage more willingly when it is their choice, unlike statutory activities like school. The young people were over the moon with the new Nintendo switch that was donated from one of our other groups who use our building, they have all really enjoyed playing games on it. The youth workers along with karbon Homes have been able to secure a gated outside green space for outside youth activities.

Our SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disability) group attended a course from a local training provider called Winnovation Training, where they learnt skills in independent living and emergency first aid. All the young people participated in and enjoyed the sessions. One young person has since moved out and is now living in supported living.

This year has been busy in the centre, and a lot of changes are going on, but the team has worked well together to ensure the best for our community.

Celebrating a Remarkable Milestone!

We are absolutely thrilled to share that our incredible Chair, Foster Burt, has been honoured by the High Sheriff of Northumberland for an astounding 51 years of volunteering with our charity.

Foster's dedication, compassion, and tireless commitment to our community have shaped the very heart of our organisation. From championing local causes to supporting generations of volunteers, his impact has been nothing short of extraordinary.

This award is a well-deserved recognition of a lifetime of service — and we couldn't be prouder.

Please join us in congratulating Foster on this wonderful achievement. Here's to his legacy of kindness and leadership!



We would like to thank all of the funders and partners who have supported us in order to achieve our goals, together we can support the community we serve to the best of our abilty.

Funders who have support us over this past year:

James Knott
Garfield Western
William Leech
High Sheriff
Ballinger Trust
Arnold Clark
RW Mann
Bernard Sunley
JH Burn
Scofield
Barbour Foundation
NCC
Community Foundation
County Council VE Event
Hadrian trust
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St Hilda's Trust

Baily Thomas
Karbon Homes
Joicey Trust
Croft Lodge Freemasons
De Oyly Carte
Shears foundation
Carr Ellis
Open circle



4th Annual Iftar



VE Day



Saint Georges Day



Fused Glass Workshop



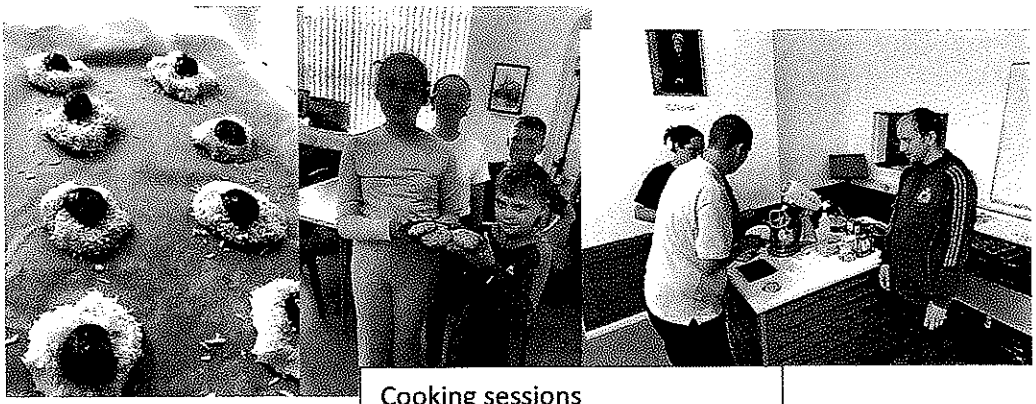
Litter pick around local area



Visit from Northumberland Fire and Rescue



When Newcastle won the Carabao Cup



Cooking sessions



Receiving Environment award



First aid training



Young people receiving their certificates



Busy session



Comfy corner



Taking Nora her 90th birthday cards from the youth club

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COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1131449

Accounts

Accounts & centre report

Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity No. (1131449)
Co. Registration No. (6293107)

Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th September 2024

Steve Hancock Consultancy
16 Appleby Park
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25/11/2024.

Rubina Kashif
Treasurer

Cowpen Quay Community Association

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended September 30 9 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, and SORP 2005: Accounting& reporting by Charities.

Reference & Administration details

Charity name	Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity Registration Number	1131449
Company Number	6293107
Registered Office	55 Regent Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 1LL

Directors

Foster Burt	
Aziz Sha Mohammed	
Rubina Kashif	
Steve Frake	Company Secretary

Trustees

Foster Burt	Chair
Aziz Sha Mohammed	
Rubina Kashif	Treasurer
Steve Frake	Vice Chair/Secretary

Management

Eileen Cartie	Centre Manager

25/11/2025
Rubina Kashif

Accountants
Steve Hancock

Bankers
TSB
3-5 Newgate Street
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 1AN

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2024

Structure, Governance & Management

Cowpen Quay Community Association Limited was incorporated 26th June 2006 with objectives being embodied in the Memorandum of Association. Methods of elections of Trustees are in place and reviewed from time to time.

Procedures for the induction of Trustees includes a skills audit in the form of examination of Curriculum Vitae to establish suitability for the post. Basic level checks are performed on prospective Trustees to ensure that they hold no criminal offences. More in depth checks can be carried out should the need arise. Induction programmes are in operation which inform the Trustee of the Charities objects, the financial position and any issues facing the Charity. Day to day management of the centre is delegated to the centre manager.

The management committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

Objectives & Activities.

The objectives of the Charitable Company are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.
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Activities provided:

- Education and training
- Activities for disabled
- Arts and Cultural Sports and recreation

Trough:

- Staff and volunteers
- Buildings, facilities and open space

Financial Review

In establishing the Associations policy on reserves consideration has been given to the following:

The need for reserves:

- The development of any new function
- The underpinning of longer commitments
- Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing policy
- The level of reserves
- Maintenance of reserves at a legal level

Reserves

The management has examined the Charities funding requirements for working capital and in the unlikely event that the centre could not continue its activities provision should be made for the establishment of reserves £60k-£75 within unrestricted funding.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Foster Burt

Chairperson

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT'S TO THE DIRECTOR'S OF
COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As described in the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2024 set out on pages 5 to 12 and you consider that the company is exempt from audit.

In accordance with the instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

STEVE HANCOCK CONSULTANCY
16 APPLEBY PARK
NORTH SHIELDS
TYNE & WEAR
NE29 0PL

25th November 2024

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 30th September 2024

	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources						
Grants and Donations	3	11428	131375	28839	171642	120356
Other Income	3			42900	42900	57447
Total Incoming Resources		11428	131375	71739	214542	177803
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenses	4		129171	44298	173469	160260
Depreciation	4	13308			13308	0
Total Resources Expended		13308	129171	44298	186777	160260
Net Incoming resources		(1,880)	2204	27,441	27,765	17,543
Fund Balance @ 30/9/23		15000	211222	184101	410323	392780
Transfer Between Funds		-5600		5600		
Fund Balance @ 30/9/2024	7	7520	213426	217142	438088	410323

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2024

	Note	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	6	53231			53231	15000
Current Assets						
Debtors				14541	14541	12433
Bank			213426	205995	419421	392099
Cash				371	371	87
		0	213426	220907	434333	404619
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors and Defer Income	8	(45,711)		(3,765)	(49,476)	(9,296)
Net Current Assets		(45,711)	213,426	217142	384857	395323
Long Term Liabilities	8		-		0	0
Total Net Assets		7,520	213426	217142	438088	410323
Funds						
Restricted Funds	7	7520	213426		220946	226222
Unrestricted Funds - Free	7			97142	97142	64101
- Designated	7			120000	120000	120000
		7,520	213,426	217,142	438088	410323

For the year ending 30th September 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' Responsibilities :

a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
c) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with SORP FS102.

The financial statements were approved by the board on .....and were signed by:

Rabina Kashif..... Director

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2024

Notes To The Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and follow the recommendation in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP (FS102).
Income and Expenditure is recorded on an accruals basis.

Incoming Resources

Monies received from capital grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis and the fixed assets included in cost in the balance sheet. A restricted fund has been established in the balance sheet and will reduce each year by the charge of depreciation.

Revenue grants

Gross amounts received are recognised within incoming resources and the corresponding expense is shown within outgoing resources.

Hire of Hall

All monies received are shown separately within the SOFA under incoming resources and are shown in unrestricted funds.

Fixed Assets Depreciation and Impairment

The treatment of assets within the organisation is in line with Charities SORP (FRS102). Management has reviewed the policy on the value of Leasehold Improvements over 15 years old and established a policy where these assets have been fully written off. Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost over there useful lives and before expiration of the lease on the building as follows:

Leasehold Improvements 2023>	20%	Straight Line
Computer equipment	20%	Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equiment	20%	Straight Line

2 **Taxation**

The charity is registered and exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2024

Notes To The Accounts

3	Incoming Resources	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Grants & Donations					
	Deferred Income Released	11428			11428	0
	Donation			439	439	1352
	Children In Need		16740		16740	42881
	Durham Comm				0	5110
	Community foundation		24385		24385	12090
	NCC				0	3500
	St. Hilda's				0	0
	Balinger Trust		20000		20000	9122
	Greatham Hospital			1000	1000	3000
	William Leach		8750		8750	0
	Albert Hunt			4000	4000	2000
	Local Giving				0	500
	Virgin Money		10000		10000	13000
	Awards 4 All		20000		20000	0
	Youth Investment Fund				0	1
	RW Mann			2000	2000	2000
	Barbour Trust			5000	5000	5000
	Hadrian Trust				0	1000
	Asda				0	2000
	The Shears Foundation		9000		9000	10000
	Winter Wellbeing				0	1000
	James Knott		15000		15000	0
	Blyth Town Council				0	0
	Scofield				0	500
	Rothley Trust				0	900
	Northumbria Police			5000	5000	0
	Bernicia Fund			10000	10000	0
	Garfield Weston		7500		7500	0
	Banks			1000	1000	400
	CAF			400	400	5000
		11428	131375	28839	171642	120356
	Other Income					
	Membership Dues			360	360	1064
	Staff & Support Fees			730	730	974
	Hire of Premises			40953	40953	50693
	Other			857	857	4716
		11428	131375	71739	214542	177803

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2024

Notes To The Accounts

		Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
4	**Outgoing Resources**					
	Direct Charitable Expenditure					
	Wages & Salaries		129171		129171	116690
	Travel & Entertainment			1238	1238	1874
	Telephone			582	582	621
	Utilities			13997	13997	8053
	Rates & Council Tax			387	387	352
	Insurance			1426	1426	2150
	Cleaning			919	919	1532
	Print,Postage and Stationary			1280	1280	770
	Repairs And Maintenance - General			3428	3428	7702
	General Office Expenses			5754	5754	5212
	Volunteer Expenses			100	100	529
	Professional Fees			8189	8189	5769
	Premises Expenses			524	524	0
	Repairs and maintenance - Security			4536	4536	64
	Repairs and Renewals - Equipment			1463	1463	8605
	Consumables			135	135	10
	Licenses & Software			340	340	327
	Waste Collection				-	-
	Catering				-	-
	Depreciation	13308			13308	0
	Impairment				0	0
		13308	129171	44298	186777	160260

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2024

Notes To The Accounts

5 **Staff Costs**

	2024	2023
Wages & Salaries	121161	116690
National Insurance	5308	4050
Pension Costs	2702	3081
Total	129171	123821
Staff Numbers		
Management and Staff	4	4
Sessional Youth Workers	2	2
Actual numbers employed		
Full Time	4	4
Part Time	3	3

6 Fixed Assets

	Restricted				Unrestricted		
	Leasehold Improvements	Fix,ftgs & Equipment	Computer Equipment	L/Hold Improve 2023>	Fix,ftgs & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost							
As at 1/10/23	392916	28268	19627	15000	31604	9382	496797
Additions				51539			51539
Disposals							
As at 30/9/24	392916	28268	19627	66539	31604	9382	548336
Depreciation							
As at 1/10/23	392916	28268	19627	0	31604	9382	481797
Charge				13308			13308
Disposals							
Impairment							0
As at 30/9/24	392916	28268	19627	13308	31604	9382	495105
NBV							
As at 1/10/23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
As at 30/9/24	0	0	0	53231	0	0	53231

Leasehold Improvements 2023> represent a stage payment as the work is still ongoing.
The lease of the building is short term at an initial peppercorn rent, reviewed every 5 years over the lease period. The first review was on 1st August 2009. There has been no value ascribed to the rental income waived by Blyth Valley Borough Council. The lease is treated as an operating lease which ceases in 2029 but is subject to renewal.

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Fund Balances	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1/10/23	15000	211222	184101	410323	392780
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(1,880)	2,204	27,441	27,765	17,543
Transfer Between Funds	(5,600)		5,600		
Balance 30/9/24	7520	213426	217142	438088	410323

Notes To The Accounts

8 **Deferred Income**

	Opening Balance	Income Released	Income Deferred	Closing Balance
	£	£		£
Refurbishment Costs	(5,300)	11,428	(51,839)	(45,711)
	(5,300)	11,428	(51,839)	(45,711)

Creditors & Accruals

Total Current Liabilities (45,711)

Refurbishment grants are released to income over the depreciable life of the assets to which they relate.

Long term Liabilities

Total 0

9 The association has not entered into any related party transactions.

10 Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

11 **Trustee Remuneration**	2024	2023
The Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year.	0	0

12 **Fees for examination of accounts**	2024	2023
	£	£
Auditors' Fees	-	-
Other Fees (Accountancy)	950	950

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Cowpen Quay Community Association
55 Regent Street
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25th November 2024

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Cowpen Quay Community Association for the year ended 30th September 2024.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my Responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (undersection145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no option 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.

Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and with the provisions of Companies Act 2006.
   - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Hancock

Independent Examiner
Stephen Hancock



Cowpen Quay Community Association

Annual Report 2024

The Buffalo Community Centre
55 Regent Street
BLYTH
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Mission Statement

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To establish, run and maintain the Buffalo Community Centre, and to promote activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Those objectives embraced by the charity include working with:

Children and young people

Elderly people

People with a disability or special needs

General public

Activities provided include:

Education and training

Activities for the disabled

Arts and culture

Sports and recreation

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Honorary Chairperson's Report

Another year has passed, and we find CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) is in our 50th year of our project like many more before, has seen our centre develop new activities and some not continuing due to the changes in trends. On a positive note, we have a variety of development plans for the future and will continue to deliver the best service we can to our community.

We should never underestimate the job that our staff team do along with the hard work our volunteers and Management Committee and centre manager do to make this another successful year for the Association. Without them our centre could not function successfully and I offer them heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the Association and the people who use our community centre.

Once again, our Youth Clubs and other young people's projects, over 50s arts/crafts groups, Global Majority (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group, camera club and many more continue to flourish.

Supported with funding assistance from Eileen and the work our team of youth leaders do, both staff they are exceptional in their work with our young people. Our Junior Youth Club has become very well established and continues to grow successfully with many exciting projects planned to benefit our community.

The support local people have continued to provide; completing valuable maintenance. Together with the local council our young people, they have carried out some tremendous clean-up work around the locality. We wish to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of our Association.

Finally, our groups, who are as always, the Association's soul; the reason we have been so successful over the years, and I would like to express our thanks to you for our success over the past year. We gained a new local Trustee this year who has many years of business experience and he will complement our current Trustees. We will endeavour to continue to provide the services we offer for all current and potential centre users, and to be there when they require us. With our volunteers and local support, we will continue to offer a welcoming and friendly centre where community activities take place.

Foster Burt



Chairperson Cowpen Quay Community Association

CQCA Centre Report

CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a wonderful event attended by many who have been involved with the charity over the years. The celebration was graced by the new Lord-Lieutenant and the local Mayor, adding a sense of prestige to the occasion. One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of an award to our longest-serving Trustee and volunteer, recognising 50 years of dedicated service to both the charity and the local community. It was a special moment that honoured decades of commitment and contribution to the people of Blyth.

Jo and Dale, our Deputy Managers, were honoured with an award from the High Sheriff, recognising their dedication and hard work in supporting both our community and its young people.

The new Police and Crime Commissioner visited our centre and met with many of our groups. We have also welcomed visits from our current and past High Sheriffs of Northumberland, the Lord-Lieutenant, the Mayor, funders who support us, and many others.

This year, our community centre underwent major renovations, including a full rewire of the building. While the work presented challenges, we managed to continue operating safely throughout. Now, the centre is fully updated, freshly decorated, and features new flooring, creating a revitalised space for the community.

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our funders, whose generous support has been vital to our charity. Their unwavering commitment has been instrumental in enabling us to fully restore and continue operating our centre.

Our Trustees have consistently provided invaluable support to the staff and volunteers at the Buffalo, and this support has been particularly appreciated during the challenging rewire of the building this year. They are truly the backbone of our charity, alongside our committed volunteers. Together, they allow us to offer a wide range of activities that are vital for the sustainability of the centre, drawing on their diverse knowledge and experience from various fields. Our Trustees remain dedicated and will continue to serve on the board, including Rubina, a qualified accountant; Steve, a solicitor; and our longest-serving Trustee, Foster, who has devoted 50 years to our charity. We also welcome our new Trustee, Aziz, a local businessman. Although we are saddened to see Michelle leave as she takes on a new role managing a local shop, we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We operate in a highly deprived area of Blyth, working with some of the most marginalised groups in the community. Currently, our ward is receiving a number of individuals from Nigeria, who have been transferred from London accommodations into the Croft and Cowpen Quay area, where housing is more affordable. We have actively reached out to these individuals, aiming to help them integrate into our community and the Buffalo Centre we manage. Additionally, we support various minority groups, including female offenders, individuals of all ages with different levels of learning and physical disabilities, and women from BAME (Black, Asian, and Ethnic Minority) backgrounds, now referred to as GEM (Global Ethnic Majority).

This year, we have participated in numerous events in Blyth and collaborated closely with the Heart of Blyth project. One of our staff members serves on the resident's panel, contributing to the

support of the new board of the Blyth Town Deal, which focuses on the regeneration of the Town Centre in partnership with various providers. Additionally, another member of our youth team chairs the working group for young people and anti-social behaviour, providing valuable feedback to the main board of the Better Blyth Partnership. These networking groups are effective in bringing together different sectors with shared goals, fostering collaboration for the benefit of our Blyth community. This collaboration has led to the establishment of more youth programs, resulting in increased participation and a noticeable reduction in anti-social behaviour issues for the past two years.

Our staff are continually upskilling to stay current with any changes in best practices. Meanwhile, the young people in our additional need's youth project are also engaging in training programs. This training covers essential skills such as first aid, money management, and independent living, and is provided by one of our network contacts, Winovation Training.

Other notable achievements among our young people include winning the NE Youth Projects with Pride awards, as well as recognition for one of our dedicated volunteers. Additionally, we received High Sheriff awards for several of our young participants and two staff members, highlighting the impactful contributions of both our youth and team.

Our weekly programme has been sustained, with new activities continuously emerging. We are also expanding our network of respected community contacts, which enhances our ability to organise events that promote our charity. By collaborating effectively, we can better serve the people of Blyth.

The youth projects continue to increase in numbers in all four projects the high increase in demand continues to be echoed by partners in other areas of Blyth. Funding for these projects has been difficult to obtain but we continue to strive forward ensuring that we offer young people's projects as they are vital to the longevity of the centre. They will be our next generation to run this charity so it's important they feel part of from a young age. This year, the young people asked for the trip to be Butterfly World, where they had a great time together with their families, and they would like to attend the local pantomime.

Journey, a group of adults with learning difficulties, uses our community centre daily and has successfully created a vibrant and colourful courtyard garden. This year, they once again won a silver award in the Blyth in Bloom competition. The garden also features artwork contributed by those in the group who may not enjoy gardening but still want to be part of the project. Throughout the year, they have engaged in various activities, including coffee mornings, Christmas fairs, visits to the Empire School of Boxing Gym, litter picking, art projects, and even a pantomime.

Our BAME women's group has continued to thrive this year. They participated in a care work course, attended ESOL (English as a Second Language) sessions, and engaged in various social activities, including inviting Social Prescribers from the health centre to share their knowledge about health-related issues and available community resources. International Women's Day saw a strong turnout, and we also celebrated our third Iftar event, organised in collaboration with the Dialogue Society and local resident Tugay. Dignitaries, including our Mayor, Councillors, High Sheriff, and Lord Lieutenant, were present. Additionally, we organised our third celebration of Ukraine Independence Day, which this year saw about four families in attendance. Although numbers were lower compared

to previous years, this reflects the fact that families have now settled, built friendships, and found employment. They still wish to connect with their extended families remaining in Ukraine, but overall, we have supported them from the very beginning of their arrival in our country

Our activities remain accessible to local residents, either at little to no cost. We serve many individuals on pensions, those who are unemployed, and young people with no income, and we would never turn anyone away due to financial constraints, as we believe in inclusivity. Our community centre is truly the heart of the neighbourhood, and people genuinely see us as a hub of community life, run by local people, for local people.

Our groups offer a diverse array of activities, including art sessions, a club specifically for those over 50, craft clubs, martial arts, IT drop-in sessions, camera clubs, and four youth projects, one of which caters to young people with additional needs. Additionally, we provide sessions through Journey Enterprises, employment training, health and wellbeing workshops, Aikido martial arts, Highland dance, and support groups for individuals with disabilities or health issues, such as diabetes and dietary concerns. To support our sustainability, we hire out rooms that are equipped with Wi-Fi, enabling various online work and out-of-office activities. This capability was enhanced with a power-over-Ethernet upgrade during the recent rewire.

Our charity is run by local people, for local people and our ethos is to encourage volunteers and people running the groups to have their autonomy and encourage members to join in our committee meetings to have a voice. Our committee is made up of people within the group who are all local, as our Trustees are all local to Blyth. This promotes a sense of belonging to the centre and the groups they are part of. We will always inspire young people to be part of and become young volunteers as they are the next generation to be running our charity and become good young community citizens.

We have been well supported by many funders all listed in our accounts, thank you. Without their support, we could not deliver the activities, events and training to local people. CQCA would also like to thank all of our volunteers, and staff who all work together to ensure we continue to provide good practice and valuable service to our local community. This support has been very well appreciated.

Funders who have support us over this past year:
Police Crime Commissioner
Northumberland County Council Community Chest
High Sheriff of Northumberland
Ballinger Trust
Willian Trust
Carr Ellison donation Community Foundation
Platten Fund Community Foundation
Virgin Money Community Anchors Fund
Barbour Foundation
James Knott Trust
Awards for All Lottery Funding
Curtin Farp Community Foundation
ESF Community Foundation

Garfield Weston Foundation
Hospital of God at Greatham
Bernicia
Heart of Blyth micro grant
Shears Foundation
Warburtons
Banks Group
Albert Hunt
Blyth Town Council Community Chest
County councillor small schemes fund
William Leech
Proctor and Gamble Community Foundation



Iftar 2024



International woman's day 2024





Employment courses our BAME women's group



Community centre visit Northumberland Police Crime Commissionaire.



CSES Training course.



Marbling art workshop with our art group



Youth club littler picking



Youth club art sessions







Youth clubs enjoying crafts







Awards events & our 50th Birthday.

Jo & Dale receiving their High Sheriff award from our High Sheriff and Northumberland Lord Lieutenant.





Youth club trip.



Youth club cooking session.









50th Birthday Event Buffalo Community Centre

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1131449

Accounts

Accounts & Centre Report

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Charity No. (1131449)
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Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th September 2023

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Rubina Kashif.
Treasurer.
18/12/2023.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended September 30 9 2023

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Reference & Administration details

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Charity Registration Number	1131449
Company Number	6293107
Registered Office	55 Regent Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 1LL

Directors

Foster Burt	
Michelle Brown	Company Secretary
Rubina Kashif	
Steve Frake	

Trustees

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Management

Eileen Cartie	Centre Manager

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TSB
3-5 Newgate Street
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Structure, Governance & Management

Cowpen Quay Community Association Limited was incorporated 26th June 2006 with objectives being embodied in the Memorandum of Association. Methods of elections of Trustees are in place and reviewed from time to time.

Procedures for the induction of Trustees includes a skills audit in the form of examination of Curriculum Vitae to establish suitability for the post. Basic level checks are performed on prospective Trustees to ensure that they hold no criminal offences. More in depth checks can be carried out should the need arise. Induction programmes are in operation which inform the Trustee of the Charities objects, the financial position and any issues facing the Charity. Day to day management of the centre is delegated to the centre manager.

The management committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

Objectives & Activities.

The objectives of the Charitable Company are:

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Financial Review

In establishing the Associations policy on reserves consideration has been given to the following:

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- The development of any new function
- The underpinning of longer commitments
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- Maintenance of reserves at a legal level

Reserves

The management has examined the Charities funding requirements for working capital and in the unlikely event that the centre could not continue its activities provision should be made for the establishment of reserves £30k-£60k within unrestricted funding.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies
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By order of the Trustees

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By order of the Trustees

Foster Burt FBurt

Chairperson

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT'S TO THE DIRECTOR'S OF COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As described in the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2023 set out on pages 5 to 12 and you consider that the company is exempt from audit.

In accordance with the instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

Steve Hancock Consultancy
16 Appleby Park
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6th November 2023

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 30th September 2023

	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2023	Total 2022
Incoming Resources						
Grants and Donations	3		86093	34263	120356	190052
Other Income	3			57447	57447	44199
Total Incoming Resources		0	86093	91710	177803	234251
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenses	4		116690	43570	160260	152489
Depreciation	4				0	75270
Total Resources Expended		0	116690	43570	160260	227759
Net Incoming resources		0	-30597	48,140	17,543	6,492
Fund Balance @ 30/9/22			241819	150961	392780	386288
Transfer Between Funds		15000		-15000		
Fund Balance @ 30/9/2023	7	15000	211222	184101	410323	392780

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2023

	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	6	15000			15000	0
Current Assets						
Debtors				12433	12433	15054
Bank		5300	211222	175577	392099	381676
Cash				87	87	119
		5300	211222	188097	404619	396849
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors and Defer Income	8	(5,300)		(3,996)	(9,296)	(4,069)
Net Current Assets		0	211,222	184101	395323	392780
Long Term Liabilities	8		-		0	0
Total Net Assets		15,000	211222	184101	410323	392780
Funds						
Restricted Funds	7	15000	211222		226222	241819
Unrestricted Funds - Free	7			64101	64101	75961
- Designated	7			120000	120000	75000
		15,000	211,222	184,101	410323	392780

For the year ending 30th September 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' Responsibilities :

a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
c) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with SORP FS102.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 18/12/2023. and were signed by:

..... Director

Rubina Kashif.

Notes To The Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and follow the recommendation in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP (FS102).
Income and Expenditure is recorded on an accruals basis.

Incoming Resources

Monies received from capital grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis and the fixed assets included in cost in the balance sheet. A restricted fund has been established in the balance sheet and will reduce each year by the charge of depreciation.

Revenue grants

Gross amounts received are recognised within incoming resources and the corresponding expense is shown within outgoing resources.

Hire of Hall

All monies received are shown separately within the SOFA under incoming resources and are shown in unrestricted funds.

Fixed Assets Depreciation and Impairment

The treatment of assets within the organisation is in line with Charities SORP (FRS102). Management has reviewed the policy on the value of Leasehold Improvements over 15 years old and established a policy where these assets have been fully written off. Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost over there useful lives and before expiration of the lease on the building as follows:

Leasehold Improvements 2023>	20%	Straight Line
Computer equipment	20%	Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equiment	20%	Straight Line

2 **Taxation**

The charity is registered and exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

Notes To The Accounts

3	Incoming Resources	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Grants & Donations					
	General				0	20236
	Donation			1352	1352	802
	Children In Need		42881		42881	30783
	Durham Comm			5110	5110	0
	Community foundation		11090	1000	12090	35891
	NCC			3500	3500	8810
	St. Hilda's				0	5000
	Balinger Trust		9122		9122	35000
	Greatham Hospital			3000	3000	3100
	William Leach				0	3000
	Albert Hunt			2000	2000	2000
	Local Giving			500	500	500
	Virgin Money		13000		13000	10000
	Arnold Clark				0	1000
	NE Youth			1	1	400
	RW Mann			2000	2000	2000
	Barbour Trust			5000	5000	5000
	Hadrian Trust			1000	1000	1000
	Asda			2000	2000	0
	The Shears Foundation		10000		10000	10000
	Winter Wellbeing			1000	1000	0
	James Knott				0	2600
	Blyth Town Council				0	10500
	Scofield			500	500	500
	Rothley Trust			900	900	900
	Richmond Fellowship				0	30
	Blyth Harbour				0	500
	CVA				0	500
	Coop			400	400	
	Ncle Dio Society			5000	5000	
		0	86093	34263	120356	190052
	Other Income					
	Membership Dues			1064	1064	810
	Staff & Support Fees			974	974	782
	Hire of Premises			50693	50693	37972
	Other			4716	4716	4635
		0	86093	91710	177803	234251

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

Notes To The Accounts

4	Outgoing Resources	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Direct Charitable Expenditure					
	Wages & Salaries		116690		116690	109487
	Travel & Entertainment			1874	1874	1903
	Telephone			621	621	591
	Utilities			8053	8053	4692
	Rates & Council Tax			352	352	375
	Insurance			2150	2150	2699
	Cleaning			1532	1532	1899
	Print,Postage and Stationary			770	770	765
	Repairs And Maintenance - General			7702	7702	6646
	General Office Expenses			5212	5212	5443
	Volunteer Expenses			529	529	180
	Professional Fees			5769	5769	4853
	Premises Expenses				0	1150
	Repairs and maintenance - Security			64	64	9
	Repairs and Renewals - Equipment			8605	8605	9702
	Consumables			10	10	1700
	Licenses & Software			327	327	395
	Waste Collection				-	-
	Catering				-	-
	Depreciation				0	0
	Impairment				0	75270
		0	116690	43570	160260	227759

Notes To The Accounts

5 **Staff Costs**

	2023	2022
Wages & Salaries	116690	102425
National Insurance	4050	3765
Pension Costs	3081	3297
Total	123821	109487
Staff Numbers		
Management and Staff	4	4
Sessional Youth Workers	2	2
Actual numbers employed		
Full Time	4	4
Part Time	3	3

6 **Fixed Assets**

	Restricted				Unrestricted		
	Leasehold Improvements	Fix,ftgs & Equipment	Computer Equipment	L/Hold Improve 2023>	Fix,ftgs & Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost							
As at 1/10/22	392916	28268	19627	0	31604	9382	481797
Additions				15000			15000
Disposals							
As at 30/9/23	392916	28268	19627	15000	31604	9382	496797
Depreciation							
As at 1/10/22	326798	28268	16061	0	31604	3796	406527
Charge							
Disposals							
Impairment	66118		3566			5586	75270
As at 30/9/23	392916	28268	19627	0	31604	9382	481797
NBV							
As at 1/10/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
As at 30/9/23	0	0	0	15000	0	0	15000

Leasehold Improvements 2023> represent a stage payment as the work is still ongoing.
The lease of the building is short term at an initial peppercorn rent, reviewed every 5 years over the lease period. The first review was on 1st August 2009. There has been no value ascribed to the rental income waived by Blyth Valley Borough Council. The lease is treated as an operating lease which ceases in 2029 but is subject to renewal.

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Fund Balances	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1/10/22	0	241819	150961	392780	386288
Surplus / (Deficit) for year		(30,597)	48,140	17,543	6,492
Transfer Between Funds	15000		(15,000)		
Balance 30/9/23	15000	211222	184101	410323	392780

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

Notes To The Accounts

8 **Deferred Income**

	Opening Balance	Income Rel/Deferred	Closing Balance
	£	£	£
Refurbishment Costs	0	(5,300)	(5,300)
	0	(5,300)	(5,300)
Creditors & Accruals			(3,996)
Total Current Liabilities			(9,296)

Refurbishment grants are released to income over the depreciable life of the assets to which they relate.

Long term Liabilities

Total	0

9 The association has not entered into any related party transactions.

10 Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

11 **Trustee Remuneration**

	2023	2022
The Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year.	0	0

12 **Fees for examination of accounts**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' Fees	-	-
Other Fees (Accountancy)	950	950

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

Notes to the Accounts

13 Grant Applications and Awards

Oct 22 to end Sept 23

3rd year	Children in Need
Jul-22	High Sheriff
Oct 22 to end Sept 23	ASDA green tokens
Dec22	Virgin Money Community anchors fund
Oct-22	Scofield Trust
Oct-22	karbon Homes
Nov-22	Barbour Foundation
Nov-22	NCC (BAME) small fund
Dec-22	Shears Foundation
Dec-22	Community Foundation
Dec-22	Hospital God of Greatham
Jan-23	Hadrian trust
Feb-23	Rothley Trust
Mar-23	Magic little grants
Mar-23	Blyth Town Council King Coronation grant
Mar-23	Community Foundation
Apr-23	Albert hunt core
May-23	Youth investment fund
May-23	Heart of Blyth
May-23	Child in need
May-23	Blyth town council
May-23	Rotary trust fund
Jun-23	William Leech
Jun-23	St Hildas Trust
Jun-23	Police crime commissioner
Aug-23	Ballinger Trust
Aug-23	Carr Ellison
Aug-23	Community Together NCC

Steve Hancock Consultancy

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Cowpen Quay Community Association
55 Regent Street
Blyth
Northumberland
NE24 1LL
6th November 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Cowpen Quay Community Association for the year ended 30th September 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my Responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (undersection145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no option 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.

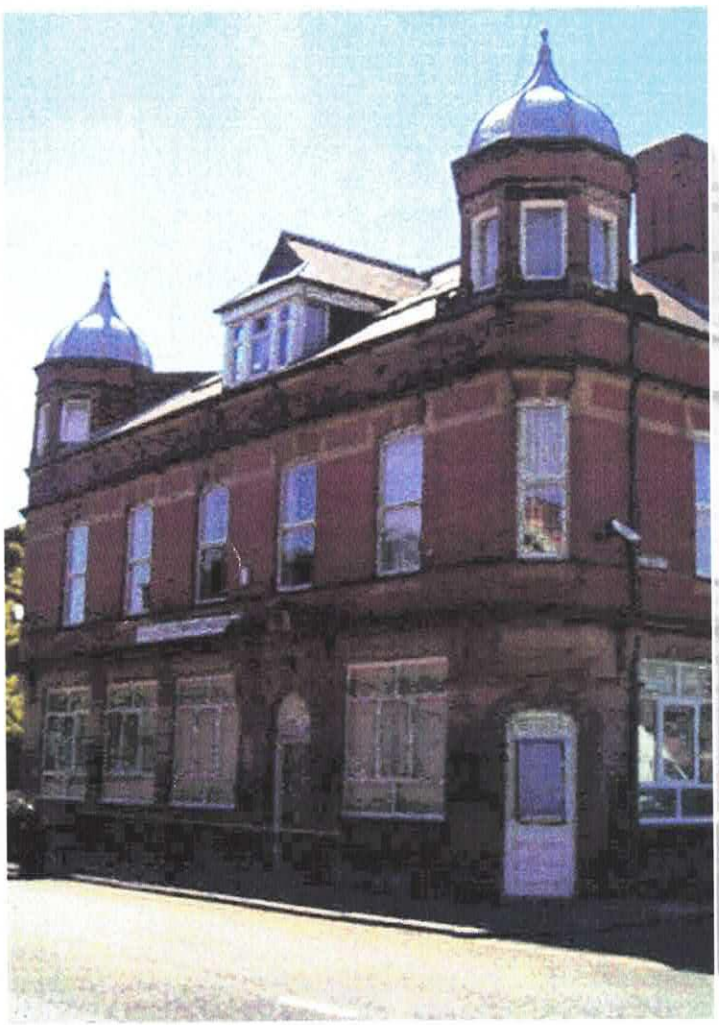
Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and with the provisions of Companies Act 2006.
   - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner
Stephen Hancock

S Hancock



Cowpen Quay Community Association

Annual Report 2023

The Buffalo Community Centre
55 Regent Street
BLYTH
Northumberland
NE24 1LL

Mission Statement

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.

To establish, run and maintain the Buffalo Community Centre, and to promote activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Those objectives embraced by the charity include working with:

Children and young people

Elderly people

People with a disability or special needs

General public

Activities provided include:

Education and training

Activities for the disabled

Arts and culture

Sports and recreation

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Honorary Chairperson's Report

Another year has passed, and we find CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) is in our forty sixth year of our project like many more before, has seen our centre develop new activities and some not continuing due to the changes in trends. On a positive note, we have a variety of development plans for the future and will continue to deliver the best service we can to our community. This year due to the current pandemic it has been particularly hard for everyone but our staff team and volunteers rose to the challenge to support our community and those in need of help.

We should never underestimate the job that our staff team do along with the hard work our volunteers and Management Committee and centre manager do to make this another successful year for the Association. Without them our centre could not function successfully and I offer them heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the Association and the people who use our community centre.

Once again, our Youth Clubs and other young people's projects, over 50s arts/crafts groups, BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group, camera club and many more continue to flourish.

Supported with funding assistance from Eileen and the work our team of youth leaders do, both staff they are exceptional in their work with our young people. Our Junior Youth Club has become very well established and continues to grow successfully with many exciting projects planned to benefit our community.

The support local people have continued to provide; completing valuable maintenance. Together with the local council our young people, they have carried out some tremendous clean-up work around the locality. We wish to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of our Association.

And finally, our groups, who are as always, the Association's soul; the reason we have been so successful over the years, and I would like to express our thanks to you for our success over the past year. Sadly, one of our long-standing Trustees who has been with us from the beginning now aged 95 has decided the time has come to step down due to failing health. We will miss her wisdom and will be ever thank you for her long-term commitment to our charity. We will endeavour to continue to provide the services we offer for all current and potential centre users, and to be there when they require us. With our volunteers and local support, we will continue to offer a welcoming and friendly centre where community activities take place.

Foster Burt



Chairperson Cowpen Quay Community Association

CQCA Centre Report

This past year has seen the community centre continue to get back to normal after the pandemic ended to be then faced with the cost-of-living crises, which is affecting our local people's daily lives. We offer a happy safe place for local people delivering activities that meet their needs. We are continuing to strive forward on how we do things to achieve some really good results, which we are proud to share in this annual report for 2022/23.

As always, it's important to highlight a special thankyou to our funders who support the running of our charity and how much of a tremendous help this is. They have offered a great show of support throughout our time getting the centre back to running full capacity.

The continuation of our weekly programme has been maintained with new activities emerging. We continue to build up on out network of respected community contacts which adds value when putting on events to promote our charity; together we work better for the people of Blyth.

Our local Trustees continued to support the staff and volunteers at the Buffalo which is very much appreciated. They are the mainstay of our charity, along with our supportive volunteers who help towards ensuring we offer a wide range of activities. They are a wealth of knowledge and experience not to be undermined. Our Trustees remain very committed and will continue to serve our charity on the board. Rubina a qualified accountant, Michelle our Company Secretary, Steve a Solicitor along with our now longest serving trustee Foster who has devoted 49 years of their time to our charity. Next year we celebrate 50 years of running this charity serving our community and will continue for many years more.

All staff have completed food hygiene courses, first aid, safeguarding plus other courses available to keep staff and volunteers upskilled.

A positive outcome includes, our youth project won the NE youth projects with pride award and one of our volunteers won the volunteer of the year award. Presentations were held at the Gosforth Park Hotel. Continuing from this one of our volunteers won the volunteer of the year award. Foster our chairman went on the gain the rotary club of Blyth Citizen of the year award.

We attended an open event in Blyth Sports centre to promote our youth projects. Other promotional events included a large gathering of charities in the town centre Keel Row and an event in another community centre, all run in partnership with the Heart of Blyth project.

Other events have included coming together with many other providers in Blyth both from the voluntary and statutory sector the police, fire service and council to look at ways of working together to make Blyth a better place and try and look at what can be done around anti-social behaviours. Sub groups have been formed with two of our team overseeing the youth groups. They will be supported by our manager and the senior manager of Silx youth project in Blyth to upskill our younger workers.

We continue to work with journey who are a group of adults with learning difficulties. This year the work in the courtyard to create a cottage garden continues with entering into the Blyth in Bloom local gardeners' competition together with the Buffalo youth club; in which they received the silver award. This group has supported other groups we work with such as the Friends of Crofton Fields where we have planted a number of small trees and plants, plus carried out local litter picking sessions. During the year we have worked together with Journey and created a traditional afternoon tea party for the Kings coronation, which was very well attended, nice food and lovely company, a special enjoyed by all.

The youth projects still have a significant increase in numbers in all four projects the high increase in demand continues to be echoed by partners in other areas of Blyth. With this demand growing it makes sense to set up the youth forum meetings we had prior covid and these will be linked into the Blyth Better Together youth meetings. Our youth team will be focal to linking the services back up together in the aim to offer local young people a broad range of activities across Blyth. This year the young people asked for the trip to be Beamish Museum where they had a great time together with their families and they would like to attend the local pantomime.

Our BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group continues to thrive. This year the women completed a care course along with ESOL (English as a Second Language) classes, social activities and a trip out. International woman's day was well attended and again the IFTAR took place with the Dialogue Society and Tugay one of our local residents organising the event. Dignitaries attended such as our Mayor, Councillors, High Sheriff and Deputy Lord Lieutenant. An Afghan fundraising event took place with the support from Blyth rotary Club, the Dialogue Society and the Buffalo worked together in an aim to bring local people together and support the crisis in Afghanistan.

Our activities continue to be accessible to local people within their means or free due to many people on pensions, unemployed and our young people with no income. We would never turn someone away because they can't afford to join an activity with stigmatising. The centre we are based in the heart of the community and people see us as a hub of activity; run by local people for local people. Groups include art sessions one of which is for over the fifties, craft clubs, martial arts, IT drop-in, camera clubs and four youth projects. We also continue to hire rooms to bring revenue streams for the sustainability of our projects. Other sessions run is composed of groups such as Journey Enterprises, employment training, health and wellbeing sessions, Aikido martial arts, Highland dance and support groups for those with disabilities or health issues such as diabetes or dietary programs. We also do private bookings for a range of things such as birthday parties, photo shoots, counselling, employment training, contact visits and even court appearances. Our wifi-enabled rooms allow many online working or out-of-office related activities to take place.

Our ethos has always been to encourage people running the groups to have their autonomy and encourage members to join in our committee meetings to have a voice. This promotes a sense of belonging to the centre and the groups they are part of. We must continue to inspire young people to be part of and become young volunteers as they are the next generation to be running our charity and become good young community citizens.

We have been well supported by many funders al listed in our accounts without their support we could not deliver the activities, events and training to local people. CQCA would also like to thank all of our volunteers, and staff who all work together to ensure we continue to provide good practice and valuable service to our local community. This support has been very well appreciated.



Our BAME woman's group



Visit to Empire School of Boxing









Buffalo awards












DIALOGUE
SOCIETY







Iftar event the only one running outside of a Mosque in Northumberland

List of Chraities, Trusts and Foundations that have supported our charity this year.

High Sheriff
Community Foundation Dickton & Lindon Family
Hospitail of God at Greatham
Shears Foundation
Carr Ellison Donation
Virgin Money Community Anchors Fund
RW Mann
Ballinger Trust
Community Foundation EDF Fund
Barbour Foundation
Children in Need
Rotary
Dreager
Hadrian Trust
Community Foundation Environment
Council Covid Grant
County Council Community Chest platinum
Community Foundation
Albert Hunt
Rothley Trust
Community Foundation Willan Trust
Arnorld Clark
Magic little Grants
Town Council platinum Grant
Port of Blyth
Co-op
William Leech
Heart of Blyth
St Hildas
NE/Youth Youth Happy Healthy Grant
Banks Group
ADSA
Morrisons

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1131449

Accounts

Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity No. (1131449)
Co. Registration No. (6293107)

Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th September 2022

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Rubina Kashif
Treasurer.
2022/ 15 December

Cowpen Quay Community Association

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended September 30 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, and Accounting& reporting by Charities in accordance with SORP FRS 102

Reference & Administration details

Charity name	Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity Registration Number	1131449
Company Number	6293107
Registered Office	55 Regent Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 1LL

Directors
Foster Burt
Michelle Brown
Rubina Kashif
Steve Frake

Company Secretary

Trustees
Foster Burt — Chair
Michelle Brown
Rubina Kashif — Treasurer
Steve Frake

Rubina Kashif
15/12/2022

Management
Eileen Cartie — Centre Manager

Accountants
Steve Hancock

Bankers
TSB
3-5 Newgate Street
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE61 1AN

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2022

Structure, Governance & Management

Cowpen Quay Community Association Limited was incorporated 26th June 2006 with objectives being embodied in the Memorandum of Association. Methods of elections of Trustees are in place and reviewed from time to time.

Procedures for the induction of Trustees includes a skills audit in the form of examination of Curriculum Vitae to establish suitability for the post. Basic level checks are performed on prospective Trustees to ensure that they hold no criminal offences. More in depth checks can be carried out should the need arise. Induction programmes are in operation which inform the Trustee of the Charities objects, the financial position and any issues facing the Charity. Day to day management of the centre is delegated to the centre manager.

The management committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

Objectives & Activities.

The objectives of the Charitable Company are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.
2. To establish, run and maintain a community centre in cooperation with any local statutory body involved in the management of the centre and to promote activities in furtherance of the charities objects.

Those embraced by the charities objects include:

- Children and young people
- Elderly People
- People with disability or special needs
- General public

Activities provided:

- Education and training
- Activities for disabled
- Arts and Cultural Sports and recreation

Trough:

- Staff and volunteers
- Buildings, facilities and open space

Financial Review

In establishing the Associations policy on reserves consideration has been given to the following:

The need for reserves:

- The development of any new function
- The underpinning of longer commitments
- Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing policy
- The level of reserves
- Maintenance of reserves at a legal level

Reserves

The management has examined the Charities funding requirements for working capital and in the unlikely event that the centre could not continue its activities provision should be made for the establishment of reserves £30k-£60k within unrestricted funding.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Foster Burt

Chairperson

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT'S TO THE DIRECTOR'S OF COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As described in the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022 set out on pages 5 to 12 and you consider that the company is exempt from audit.

In accordance with the instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

STEVE HANCOCK CONSULTANCY
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17th November 2022

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 30th September 2022

	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2022	Total 2021
Incoming Resources						
Grants and Donations	3	20236	122720	47096	190052	200096
Other Income	3			44199	44199	22100
Total Incoming Resources		20236	122720	91295	234251	222196
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenses	4		109487	43002	152489	152456
Depreciation	4	69684		5586	75270	74391
Total Resources Expended		69684	109487	48588	227759	226847
Net Incoming resources		(49,448)	13233	42,707	6,492	(4,651)
Fund Balance @ 30/9/21		49448	228586	108254	386288	390939
Transfer Between Funds						
Fund Balance @ 30/9/2022	7	0	241819	150961	392780	386288

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2022

	Note	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	6				0	75270
Current Assets						
Debtors				15054	15054	13434
Bank			241819	139857	381676	323511
Cash				119	119	14
		0	241819	155030	396849	336959
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors and Defer Income	8			(4,069)	(4,069)	(25,941)
Net Current Assets		0	241,819	150961	392780	311018
Long Term Liabilities	8		-		0	0
Total Net Assets		0	241819	150961	392780	386288
Funds						
Restricted Funds	7	-	241819		241819	278034
Unrestricted Funds - Free	7			75961	75961	33254
- Designated	7			75000	75000	75000
		0	241,819	150,961	392780	386288

For the year ending 30th September 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' Responsibilities :

a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
c) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with SORP FS102.

The financial statements were approved by the board on .....and were signed by:

..... Director

Rubina Kashef

15/12/2022

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2022

Notes To The Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and follow the recommendation in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP (FS102).
Income and Expenditure is recorded on an accruals basis.

Incoming Resources

Monies received from capital grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis and the fixed assets included in cost in the balance sheet. A restricted fund has been established in the balance sheet and will reduce each year by the charge of depreciation.

Revenue grants

Gross amounts received are recognised within incoming resources and the corresponding expense is shown within outgoing resources.

Hire of Hall

All monies received are shown separately within the SOFA under incoming resources and are shown in unrestricted funds.

Fixed Assets Depreciation and Impairment

The treatment of assets within the organisation is in line with Charities SORP (FRS102). Management has reviewed the policy on the value of Leasehold Improvements and established a policy where these assets are fully written off in the current year and the next. There is now a charge in the accounts for impairment losses relating to the above assets which are now fully written off.

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost less residual value over their useful lives as follows:

Computer Equipment	15%	Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	15%	Straight Line

2 **Taxation**

The charity is registered and exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2022

Notes To The Accounts

3	Incoming Resources	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Grants & Donations					
	General	20236			20236	6745
	Donation			802	802	1130
	Children In Need		30783		30783	43846
	Main Grant				0	25000
	Community foundation		28977	6914	35891	17765
	NCC		7960	850	8810	13238
	St. Hilda's			5000	5000	3000
	Balinger Trust		35000		35000	4000
	Greatham Hospital			3100	3100	-
	William Leach			3000	3000	1000
	Albert Hunt			2000	2000	-
	Local Giving			500	500	-
	Virgin Money		10000		10000	-
	Arnold Clark			1000	1000	-
	NE Youth			400	400	1200
	RW Mann			2000	2000	1000
	Barbour Trust			5000	5000	5000
	Hadrian Trust			1000	1000	2000
	Ridley Family				0	4000
	The Shears Foundation		10000		10000	5000
	Northumbria Police				0	66172
	James Knott			2600	2600	-
	Blyth Town Council			10500	10500	-
	Rotary Club			500	500	-
	Rotherly Trust			900	900	-
	Richmond Fellowship			30	30	
	Blyth Harbour			500	500	
	CVA			500	500	
		20236	122720	47096	190052	200096
	Other Income					
	Membership Dues			810	810	-
	Staff & Support Fees			782	782	494
	Hire of Premises			37972	37972	19052
	Other			4635	4635	2554
		20236	122720	91295	234251	222196

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2022

Notes To The Accounts

		Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
4	Outgoing Resources					
	Direct Charitable Expenditure					
	Wages & Salaries		109487		109487	111841
	Travel & Entertainment			1903	1903	1286
	Telephone			591	591	820
	Utilities			4692	4692	7144
	Rates & Council Tax			375	375	2868
	Insurance			2699	2699	1688
	Cleaning			1899	1899	848
	Print,Postage and Stationary			765	765	398
	Repairs And Maintenance			6646	6646	10225
	General Office Expenses			5443	5443	6531
	Volunteer Expenses			180	180	-
	Professional Fees			4853	4853	3063
	Premises Expenses			1150	1150	265
	Security Equipment			9	9	1223
	Equipment Purchases			9702	9702	1360
	Consumables			1700	1700	2284
	Licenses & Software			395	395	612
	Waste Collection				-	-
	Catering				-	-
	Depreciation				0	4351
	Impairment	69684		5586	75270	70040
		69684	109487	48588	227759	226847

Notes To The Accounts

5 **Staff Costs**

	2022	2021
Wages & Salaries	102425	104838
National Insurance	3765	3536
Pension Costs	3297	3192
Total	109487	111566
Staff Numbers		
Management and Staff	4	4
Sessional Youth Workers	2	2
Actual numbers employed		
Full Time	4	4
Part Time	3	3

6 **Fixed Assets**

	Restricted			Unrestricted		
	Leasehold Improvements	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost						
As at 1/10/21	392916	28268	19627	31604	9382	481797
Additions						0
Disposals		-28268		-31604		-59872
As at 30/9/22	392916	0	19627	0	9382	421925
Depreciation						
As at 1/10/21	326798	28268	16061	31604	3796	406527
Charge						0
Disposals		-28268		-31604		
Impairment Loss	66118		3566		5586	75270
As at 30/9/22	392916	0	19627	0	9382	481797
NBV						
As at 1/10/21	66118	0	3566	0	5586	75270
As at 30/9/22	0	0	0	0	0	-59872

The lease of the building is short term at an initial peppercorn rent, reviewed every 5 years over the lease period. The first review was on 1st August 2009. There has been no value ascribed to the rental income waived by Blyth Valley Borough Council. The lease is treated as an operating lease which ceases in 2029 but is subject to renewal.

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Fund Balances

	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1/10/21	49448	228586	108254	386288	390939
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(49,448)	13,233	42,707	6,492	8,472
Transfer Between Funds					
Balance 30/9/22	0	241819	150961	392780	399411

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2022

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8 **Deferred Income**

	Opening Balance	Income Rel/Deferred	Closing Balance
	£	£	£
Refurbishment Costs	(20,236)	20,236	0
	(20,236)	20,236	0
Creditors & Accruals			(4,069)
Total Current Liabilities			(4,069)

Refurbishment grants are released to income over the depreciable life of the assets to which they relate and such assets are now fully written off.

Long term Liabilities

Total	0

9 The association has not entered into any related party transactions.

10 Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

11 **Trustee Remuneration**

	2022	2021
The Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year.	0	0

12 **Fees for examination of accounts**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' Fees	-	-
Other Fees (Accountancy)	950	950

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2022

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13 **List of Organisations Funding Cowpen Quay Community Association**
Awards received in the Financial year 2021/2022

Date	Organisation
Jun-21	High Sheriff
Nov-21	Community Foundation Dickton and Lindon Family
Sept-21	Hospital God of Greatham
	Shears Foundation
	Carr Elison donation
	Virgin Money Community Anchors Fund
Oct-21	RW Mann
	Ballinger Trust Core/Salary
Nov-21	Community Foundation EDF Fund
	Barbour Foundation
	Children in Need
Dec-21	Rotary
	Dreager
	Hadrian Trust
Jan-22	Community Foundation Environment
	Council Covid Grant
Feb-22	County Council Community Chest Platinum
	Community Foundation
	Albert Hunt
	RothleyTrust Big Cooker
Mar-22	Community Foundation Willan Trust
	Arnold Clark
	Magic Little Grants
	Coommunity Foundation
Apr-22	Town Council Platinum
	Port of Blyth
May-22	Ballinger Trust
	Co-op
	William Leech
	Heart of Blyth
Jun-22	St. Hilda's
Jul-22	NE Youth Happy/Healthy Grants
	Banks Group
	Ballinger
Aug-22	Carr Ellison Donation

Steve Hancock Consultancy

16 Appleby Park, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 0PL

Cowpen Quay Community Association
55 Regent Street
Blyth
Northumberland
NE24 1LL
17th November 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Cowpen Quay Community Association for the year ended 30th September 2022.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my Responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (undersection145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no option 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.

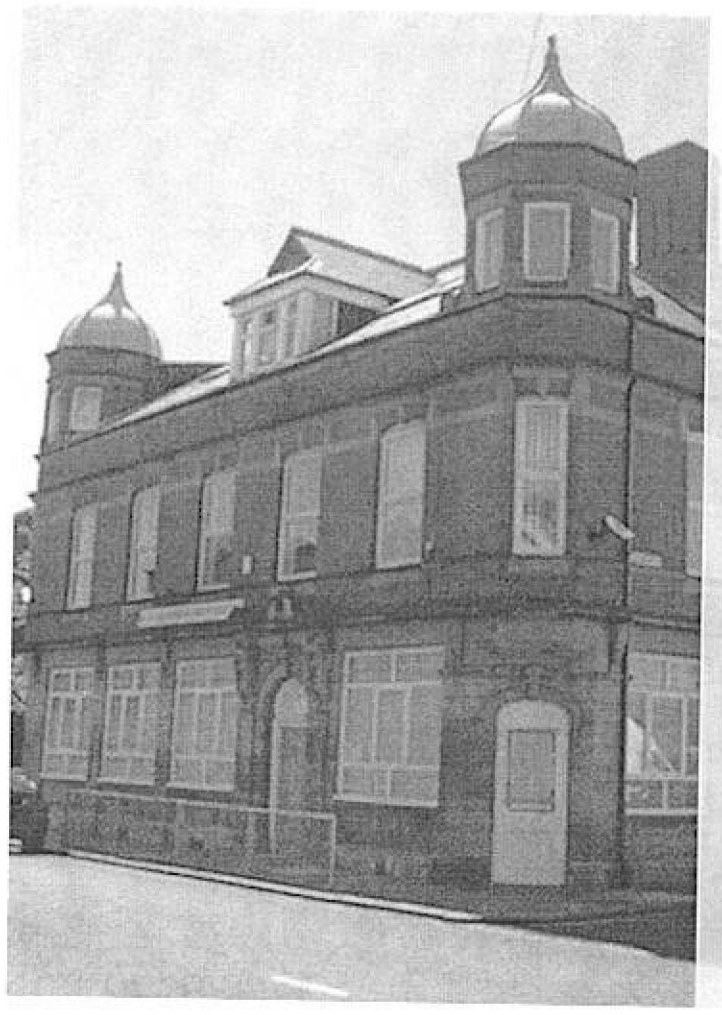
Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and with the provisions of Companies Act 2006.
   - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Hancock

Independent Examiner
Stephen Hancock



Cowpen Quay Community Association

Annual Report 2022

The Buffalo Community Centre
55 Regent Street
BLYTH
Northumberland
NE24 1LL

Mission Statement

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.

To establish, run and maintain the Buffalo Community Centre, and to promote activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Those objectives embraced by the charity include working with:

Children and young people

Elderly people

People with a disability or special needs

General public

Activities provided include:

Education and training

Activities for the disabled

Arts and culture

Sports and recreation

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Honorary Chairperson's Report

Another year has passed, and we find CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) is in our forty sixth year of our project like many more before, has seen our centre develop new activities and some not continuing due to the changes in trends. On a positive note, we have a variety of development plans for the future and will continue to deliver the best service we can to our community. This year due to the current pandemic it has been particularly hard for everyone but our staff team and volunteers rose to the challenge to support our community and those in need of help.

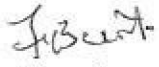
We should never underestimate the job that our staff team do along with the hard work our volunteers and Management Committee and centre manager do to make this another successful year for the Association. Without them our centre could not function successfully and I offer them heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the Association and the people who use our community centre.

Once again, our Youth Clubs and other young people's projects, over 50s arts/crafts groups, BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group, camera club and many more continue to flourish.

Supported with funding assistance from Eileen and the work our team of youth leaders do, both staff they are exceptional in their work with our young people. Our Junior Youth Club has become very well established and continues to grow successfully with many exciting projects planned to benefit our community.

The support local people have continued to provide; completing valuable maintenance. Together with the local council our young people, they have carried out some tremendous clean-up work around the locality. We wish to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of our Association.

And finally, our groups, who are as always, the Association's soul; the reason we have been so successful over the years, and I would like to express our thanks to you for our success over the past year. Sadly, one of our long-standing Trustees who has been with us from the beginning now aged 95 has decided the time has come to step down due to failing health. We will miss her wisdom and will be ever thank you for her long-term commitment to our charity. We will endeavour to continue to provide the services we offer for all current and potential centre users, and to be there when they require us. With our volunteers and local support, we will continue to offer a welcoming and friendly centre where community activities take place.

Foster Burt 

Chairperson Cowpen Quay Community Association

CQCA Centre Report

The past twelve months have largely been a period of change. While Covid-19 restrictions were well in place for the first half of 2021 we were determined to move on and focus on delivering the services to our members and residents that were important to them. We strive to deliver towards our charity's focus, with this including offering social activities, training, events, building new networks, and continuing to pursue our aims of supporting local people enjoying our centre's weekly programme of choice. We are continuing to adopt how we do things to achieve some really good results, which we are proud to share in this annual report for 2021-2022

We feel as always, it's important to highlight a special thanks to our funders who support the running of our charity and how much of a tremendous help this is. They have offered a great show of support throughout our time getting the centre back to running full capacity.

We are now operating 16 regular groups a week on our program including the arts, fitness and youth programs. We have had what can be described as a very busy year in relation to the previous two years, in which we have maintained and developed our services to meet the needs and the outcomes of the many new members of the community centre. We have started a number of new groups during this time and have had valuable new relationship opportunities arise throughout this year. These new connections have allowed us to host more groups and events. Our new partners include the Heart of Blyth project, the Forget-me-Knott residents association, the Dialogue Society and as always, the local council services, the caravan gallery art project. This his year we also started working with the Police, Heart of Blyth, ICCQ (Improving Croft and Cowpen Quay) and other partners to focus on improving the twelve streets around our area.

Our local Trustees continued to support the staff and volunteers at the Buffalo which is very much appreciated. They are the mainstay of our charity, along with our supportive volunteers who help towards ensuring we offer a wide range of activities. They are a wealth of knowledge and experience not to be undermined. We are sad to hear about one of our longest-serving trustees Margaret, who will be leaving us shortly to retire at age 95. All trustees and staff wish her all the best for the future. She has been part of the centre for nearly 50 years and has provided countless hours of her time and undetermined dedication to the Buffalo. As one of the main organisers of setting the community centre and charity up, she has provided lifelong support for the people of Blyth. Her legacy in the community will be legendary for years to come. We can only hope for a new trustee to fill her place with the same dedication she put forward. Our Trustees remain very committed and will continue to serve our charity on the board. Rubina a qualified accountant, Michelle our Company Secretary, Steve a Solicitor along with our now longest serving trustee Foster who has devoted 48 years of their time to our charity.

Many of our staff have committed their every growing busy time to focus on training and certification, with three members of the youth team completing a level 3 diploma in Youth Work course at Newcastle College. With certification now granted, we are proud to say all of

our youth services team now have a level 3 or above in youth work. Courses such as safeguarding and health and safety have also been completed, whether online or in person. The team is always eager to jump on training courses whenever they become available.

We have also been working with Journey Enterprises this year, who use our building as a hub for their adults with special educational needs and disabilities. We have helped them affirm their location in Blyth and invited them to meet many of the local groups we work with, this has helped them set roots in place and link to services they can find and help with, such as guidance around Blyth, friends of Crofton Field, Friends of Ridley park to name a few. Journey has done a good job of transforming the stables and courtyard of the centre to make it more of a welcoming place. The group including Simon, their main support worker, has grown all kinds of flora to create a cottage garden and together with the youth club's vegetable growing the transformation of our outdoor spaces has been outstanding. Many of which were distributed to local community gardens in Blyth. The whole centre enjoys the work they do and the adults they support are always friendly and bring many smiles to faces. The Buffalo hope to continue this bond for many years. We have had repair works to the stables in the last year assuring it against dampness and cracking caused by a plant growing in the wall, which is now completed.

Some of our activities have changed during the year to allow for a change in demand and higher members count. None more so has seen a significant increase in numbers than the Youth Projects, all four projects have seen a high increase in demand in the last year and this has been echoed by partners in other areas of Blyth. The centre hasn't had these numbers of young people in over ten years and youth workers are excited to be working with such a vast range of young people. The work the youth workers do is invaluable and the program has had a great reception this year for the new outdoor fruit and veg tubs which have been in partnership with funders and Journey. The planters have brightened up the yard dramatically and have supplied an enormous amount of veg which has been distributed to young people and cooked in the youth club. The young people have been extremely invested in helping with this program including watering, growing, weeding, cooking and of course, eating the produce. These activities are accessible to all our groups with adaptions easily made for the SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) youth projects. The young people and staff are excited to begin the winter crops of 2022 soon. This activity has also crossed multiple groups within our centre. The over 50's art group on a Friday has also provided great support with this since many of them have allotments and inside knowledge on best-growing practices. The youth projects have also spent time this year Litter picking in the local area to increase community spirit and value and have also planted trees in the town.

Other youth activities have included animation workshops, printing sessions which has led to an exhibition f the children's work in the keel row. These sessions were in partnership with an arts group called create place and the caravan gallery arts group.

Our activities are accessible to local people at an affordable cost or free due to many people on pensions, unemployed and our young people with no income. We would never turn someone away because they can't afford to join an activity. The centre is situated right in the heart of the community and people see us as a hub of activity; run by local people for

local people. As aforementioned above our 16 groups include; two art groups one of which is for over the fifties, craft clubs, martial arts, IT drop-in, camera clubs and four youth projects. We also continue to hire rooms to bring revenue streams for the sustainability of our projects. Other sessions run is composed of groups such as Journey Enterprises, employment training, health and wellbeing sessions, Aikido martial arts, Highland dance and support groups for those with disabilities or health issues such as diabetes or dietary programs. We also do private bookings for a range of things such as birthday parties, photo shoots, counselling, employment training, contact visits and even court appearances. Our wifi-enabled rooms allow many online working or out-of-office related activities to take place.

Our ethos has always been to encourage people running the groups to have their autonomy and encourage members to join in our committee meetings to have a voice. This promotes a sense of belonging to the centre and the groups they are part of. We must continue to inspire young people to be part of and become young volunteers as they are the next generation to be running our charity and become good young community citizens.

Our BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group is back up and running completely with new members from more different geographic regions. This was a nervous group through the pandemic but our engagers have worked hard to pull in high numbers of women wanting to learn ESOL (English Speakers of other Language). The women have just all completed a course in Business enterprise skills and one woman is the process of setting her own business up in Blyth.

This year has led the BAME group in a new direction due to the unfolding situation of war in Europe, between Ukraine and Russia. This sparked a huge migration of eastern Europeans mainly women and children, with men left to fight for their homeland. They come to England and western Europe in the hopes of finding safety in these countries. When the war first broke out we started a campaign to collect a select group of items such as hygiene, food, baby and children amenities and brand-new clothes. This was shared on Facebook by hundreds of people and we soon become a strategic collecting place for all things to do with Ukraine. Staff and volunteers, most of them members of our many groups called to arms to help sort all the products out, bag and arrange the collection of the products to be driven across Europe to Ukraine. After our online post, many in Blyth also took the lead in collecting products, we liaised with the town council, county council, MP Ian Levy and the very organised workers at the Polish Church acting as the head of northeast donations in Newcastle to get these products sent to the places in need of it. We collected at least 2 shipping containers worth of products and the thanks go to the generous and giving people of Blyth Town.

The Buffalo didn't stop there for helping where possible with the Ukraine appeal. As many of the women and children come to the UK and were housed with local families, we were asked by the police force to allow them access to the Buffalo's BAME group. As many had little information about where to find services or had little English language skills. The Buffalo worked with groups such as Heart of Blyth and the Rotary club to engage with them and help with finding the services they needed, whether it be making friends or pointing in the direction to help find work. The longer the refugees stayed in the UK and the war rattled

on to the 6th month we come to Ukrainian Independence Day which is held on August 24th, as we had a new following of Ukrainians the group decided they would like to celebrate their day. Again, with help from Rotary. Morrisons and Asda donated food and many other services in Blyth such housing from the local council came together as the women need help to move on from host houses; the Library we put on a day of celebration and sombre reflection for what had changed in those 6 months. The day lead to huge success and we made many new friends because of this with important bonds with many new organisations and refugees; it was also very emotional when we played the Ukraine national anthem, there wasn't a dry eye in the hall when the women and the children stood up and sang this together.

We have also held other days for Ukrainian nationals to help them engage and find others from the same country to build confidence and friendship. We have more dates on our calendar such as Blyth Spooky family fun day with similar intentions. Our BAME women also celebrated international woman's day complete with a belly dancer which was well attended.

We also started doing some work with the Dialogue Society work with many different BAME groups and together we put on an Iftar (Arabic: إفطار ʾifṭār 'break fast') is the evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset). Our new High Sherriff attended along with, councillors our Civic Head, Mayor and members of the local BAME groups. Our High Sheriff claimed in his speech that the Buffalo Centre our charity Cowpen Quay Community Association made history that night not just in Blyth but right across Northumberland as we are the first to hold such an event outside of a Mosque.

We have had a full summer schedule this year and have given many families the opportunity of visiting Beamish thanks to funding and the plan being brought together by Jo and Dale, our new Deputy Centre Managers. This was a great day for all and the weather held out for a fantastic day. We have worked over the summer with the police and social workers in the area to help with the new twelve streets program to improve Croft and Cowpen Quay. This is a partnership program in its early days to eradicate anti-social behaviour, youth crime and violence and rogue landlords, we play our part to help with this where possible, building a good trusted network with the community.

The late Queen Elizabeth II platinum jubilee was held in the summer and we took the opportunity to celebrate the longevity of the occasion by hosting parties for all our groups. We had celebratory afternoon teas and cakes. All our groups were asked to create a canvas artwork which was put on display around the centre as an exhibition. The artwork is still in place for people to view. This occasion was a great success and to celebrate it we got 3 royal purple coloured bench seats for our yard. One of which was kindly donated by the Blyth town council.

We come into a donation of desktop computers thanks to connections made through our Trustee Steve Frake, who gladly pointed a consultant from Perspective and managing wealth company to our direction. The company were moving offices and had no use for them anymore. The Buffalo took the donation gladly and coordinated a charity day with Tharsus, a robotics company in Blyth who donated time and effort to help us set them up, as well as other jobs such as cleaning tables and jet washing the courtyard. We enjoy working with the

team at Tharsus as they have a wide demographic of volunteers, from as far away as Poland. They have now completed two charitable work days and have done good work for our centre, which we are thankful for. We are also planning a charitable day with Rockstar North to allow a worker to come to support the programming of the desktop computers, which will be used for various IT courses, CV workshops and training.

Cuppa with a copper session took place, street walkabouts, litter pick, public protection door knocking plus more. We joined in with our local carnival which everyone only 2 weeks to get everything set up. It was attended after being organised at such late notice.

We have started to return the Karate class with Jimmy our 7th Dan black belt volunteer on a Monday night and have recruited a volunteer to assist him in the running of this and expect it to be operational soon.

During the Christmas period, we supported operation Elf by giving them the space to work because we were restricted to what activities we could offer in the centre. Operation Elf was run as the Mayors charity with Blyth Town Council and other projects which all came together to ensure local children in need got Christmas presents. Operation Elf continues to give Birthday presents and for those children going into hospital pyjamas, towels and personal hygiene items. Santa also visited our work courtesy of our town council and the elves. We are continuing this program this year also.

This past year we have found ourselves in the position where several smaller groups are asking us for our help to find funding and set up new groups. We do signpost these to our local CVA (Community Voluntary Action) team.

Small group work outside activities included litter picking, tree planting and growing sunflowers. Our group then grew sunflower seeds to plant up creating a garden of hope. This work came about because we helped set up another new group during lockdown called the Friends of Crofton Field. The aim of this was to encourage people to become involved in outdoor activities safely during Covid19 to support health and wellbeing. It is now a constituted group in its own right. It is similar to the other group we set up years ago called the Friends of Ridley Park. Underlying outcomes for us were to encourage young people to take care of their local environment as there had been some criminal damage, vandalism and fires over in the woodland areas of Crofton fields. A similar reason as to why we set The Friends of Ridley Park up, we wanted young people to take ownership of projects over there such as tree planting and keeping the area clean.

We have been well supported by many funders al listed in our accounts without their support we could not deliver the activities, events and training to local people. CQCA would also like to thank all of our volunteers, and staff who all work together to ensure we continue to provide good practice and valuable service to our local community. This support has been very well appreciated during this current time with Covid19 and like many other charities, the road ahead is scary and uncertain. We have reopened the community centre and are running Covid19 compliant but it's like starting up a new charity again because many people are still very frightened to come out, especially the BME women, the elderly and disabled





Ukraine Independence Day



Trip to Beamish











Iftar event with the Dialogue Society and community





Business Enterprise Training with our BAME group



The caravan gallery visiting the youth project



Tharsus community day supporting our charity



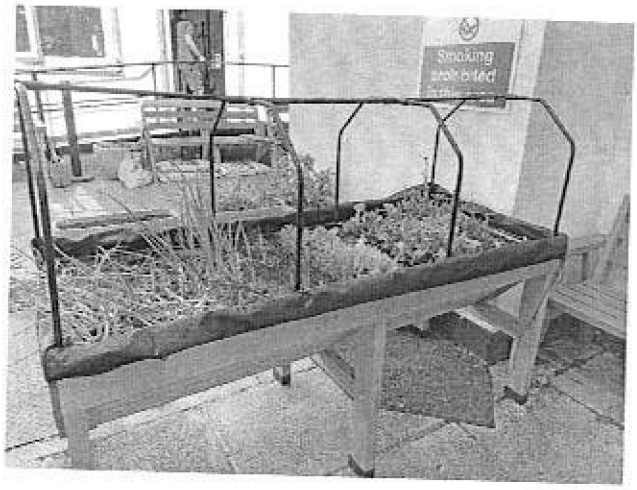


Litter picking with our youth clubs.



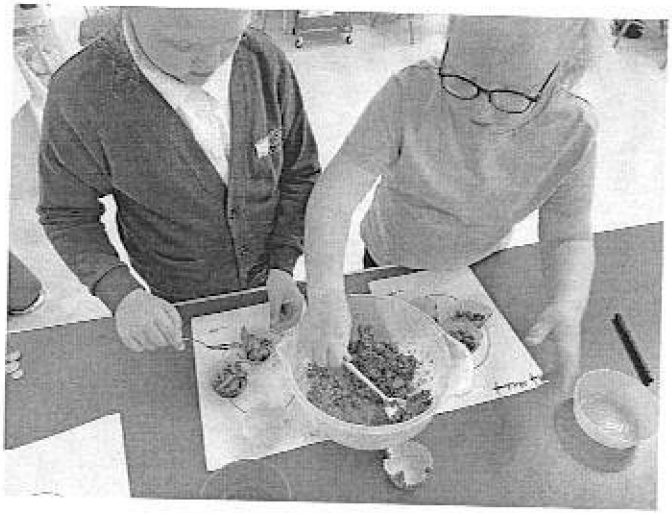





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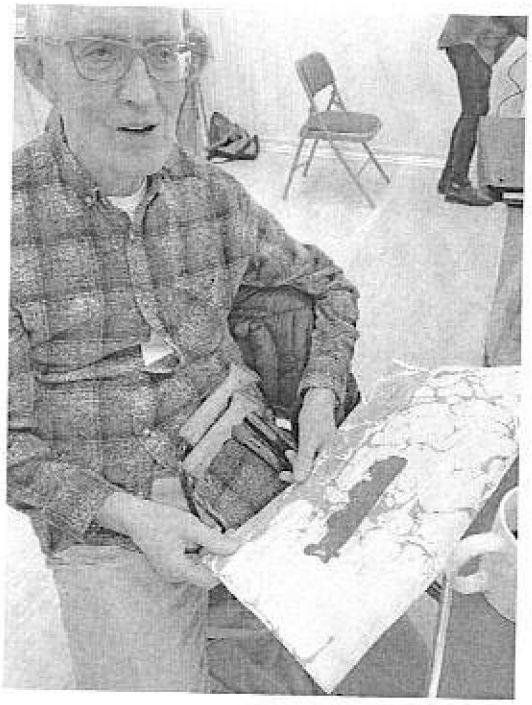














Youth club sessions, over 50s projects, art workshops, litter picking and collecting for ukraign

List of Charities, Trusts and Foundations that have supported our charity this year.

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ADSA
Morrisons

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1131449

Accounts

Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity No. (1131449)
Co. Registration No. (6293107)

Unaudited Financial Statements

Year Ended 30th September 2021

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Chairman / Trustee / Director
FOSTER BURT FBurt

Cowpen Quay Community Association

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended September 30 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, and Accounting& reporting by Charities In Accordance with SORP FRS 102

Reference & Administration details

Charity name	Cowpen Quay Community Association
Charity Registration Number	1131449
Company Number	6293107
Registered Office	55 Regent Street Blyth Northumberland NE24 1LL

Directors

Foster Burt	
Margaret Bennett	
Michelle Brown	Company Secretary
Rubina Kashif	
Steve Frake	

Trustees

Foster Burt	Chair
Margaret Bennett	
Michelle Brown	
Rubina Kashif	Treasurer
Steve Frake	

Management

Eileen Cartie	Centre Manager

Accountants

Steve Hancock

Bankers

TSB
3-5 Newgate Street
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Northumberland
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th September 2021

Structure, Governance & Management

Cowpen Quay Community Association Limited was incorporated 26th June 2006 with objectives being embodied in the Memorandum of Association. Methods of elections of Trustees are in place and reviewed from time to time.

Procedures for the induction of Trustees includes a skills audit in the form of examination of Curriculum Vitae to establish suitability for the post. Basic level checks are performed on prospective Trustees to ensure that they hold no criminal offences. More in depth checks can be carried out should the need arise. Induction programmes are in operation which inform the Trustee of the Charities objects, the financial position and any issues facing the Charity. Day to day management of the centre is delegated to the centre manager.

The management committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity.

Objectives & Activities.

The objectives of the Charitable Company are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.
2. To establish, run and maintain a community centre in cooperation with any local statutory body involved in the management of the centre and to promote activities in furtherance of the charities objects.

Those embraced by the charities objects include:

- Children and young people
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- People with disability or special needs
- General public

Activities provided:

- Education and training
- Activities for disabled
- Arts and Cultural Sports and recreation

Trough:

- Staff and volunteers
- Buildings, facilities and open space

Financial Review

In establishing the Associations policy on reserves consideration has been given to the following:

The need for reserves:

- The development of any new function
- The underpinning of longer commitments
- Arrangements for monitoring and reviewing policy
- The level of reserves
- Maintenance of reserves at a legal level

Reserves

The management has examined the Charities funding requirements for working capital and in the unlikely event that the centre could not continue its activities provision should be made for the establishment of reserves £30k-£60k within unrestricted funding.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

By order of the Trustees

Foster Burt

Chairperson

COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT'S TO THE DIRECTOR'S OF
COWPEN QUAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

As described in the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2021 set out on pages 5 to 12 and you consider that the company is exempt from audit.

In accordance with the instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

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16th November 2020

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

For The Year Ended 30th September 2021

	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021	Total 2020
Incoming Resources						
Grants and Donations	3	6745	172221	21130	200096	175324
Other Income	3			22100	22100	24459
Total Incoming Resources		6745	172221	43230	222196	199783
Resources Expended						
Direct Charitable Expenses	4		111841	40615	152456	154715
Depreciation	4	72984		1407	74391	36596
Total Resources Expended		72984	111841	42022	226847	191311
Net Incoming resources		(66,239)	60380	1,208	(4,651)	8,472
Fund Balance @ 30/9/20		115687	168206	107046	390939	382467
Transfer Between Funds						
Fund Balance @ 30/9/2021	7	49448	228586	108254	386288	390939

Cowpen Quay Community Association

Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2021

	Note	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	6	69684		5586	75270	149661
Current Assets						
Debtors				13434	13434	4404
Bank			228586	94925	323511	267472
Cash				14	14	862
		0	228586	108373	336959	272738
Current Liabilities						
Sundry Creditors and Defer Income	8	(20,236)		(5,705)	(25,941)	(31,460)
Net Current Assets		(20,236)	228,586	102668	311018	241278
Long Term Liabilities	8		-		0	0
Total Net Assets		49,448	228586	108254	386288	390939
Funds						
Restricted Funds	7	49448	228586		278034	283893
Unrestricted Funds - Free	7			33254	33254	32046
- Designated	7			75000	75000	75000
		49,448	228,586	108,254	386288	390939

For the year ending 30th September 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' Responsibilities :

a) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
b) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
c) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with SORP FS102.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 2.12.21 and were signed by:

FBurt
..... Director

FOSTER BURT

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2021

Notes To The Accounts

1 **Accounting Policies**

The Financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and follow the recommendation in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP (FS102).
Income and Expenditure is recorded on an accruals basis.

Incoming Resources

Monies received from capital grants are recognised in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis and the fixed assets included in cost in the balance sheet. A restricted fund has been established in the balance sheet and will reduce each year by the charge of depreciation.

Revenue grants

Gross amounts received are recognised within incoming resources and the corresponding expense is shown within outgoing resources.

Hire of Hall

All monies received are shown separately within the SOFA under incoming resources and are shown in unrestricted funds.

Fixed Assets Depreciation and Impairment

The treatment of assets within the organisation is in line with Charities SORP (FRS102). Management has reviewed the policy on the value of Leasehold Improvements and established a policy where these assets are fully written off in the current year and the next. There is now a charge in the accounts for impairment losses relating to the above assets.

Depreciation on other fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost less residual value over their useful lives as follows:

Computer Equipment	15%	Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	15%	Straight Line

2 **Taxation**

The charity is registered and exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2021

Notes To The Accounts

3 Incoming Resources

	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants & Donations					
General	6745			6745	4436
Donation			1130	1130	1099
Children In Need		43846		43846	34555
Main Grant		25000		25000	50000
Community foundation		17765		17765	17327
NCC		13238		13238	15000
St. Hilda's			3000	3000	2000
Rise North East			4000	4000	1000
Zedra Trust				0	1000
William Leach			1000	1000	1500
Albert Hunt				0	1000
Local Giving				0	500
Joicey Trust				0	4000
Awards for All				0	6934
NE Youth		1200		1200	400
RW Mann			1000	1000	0
Barbour Trust			5000	5000	0
Hadrian Trust			2000	2000	0
Ridley Family			4000	4000	0
The Shears Foundation		5000		5000	0
Northumbria Police		66172		66172	0
James Knott				0	0
Blyth Town Council				0	15000
NCC (previously deferred)				0	9573
Garfield Weston (previously deferred)				0	10000
	6745	172221	21130	200096	175324
Other Income					
Membership Dues				0	291
Staff & Support Fees			494	494	1287
Hire of Premises			19052	19052	22350
Other			2554	2554	531
	6745	172221	43230	222196	199783

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2021

Notes To The Accounts

		Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
4	**Outgoing Resources**					
	Direct Charitable Expenditure					
	Wages & Salaries		111841		111841	114383
	Travel & Entertainment			1286	1286	467
	Telephone			820	820	858
	Utilities			7144	7144	8971
	Rates & Council Tax			2868	2868	3645
	Insurance			1688	1688	1848
	Cleaning			848	848	1558
	Print,Postage and Stationary			398	398	156
	Repairs And Maintenance			10225	10225	9375
	General Office Expenses			6531	6531	3179
	Volunteer Expenses				-	-
	Professional Fees			3063	3063	3774
	Premises Expenses			265	265	319
	Security Equipment			1223	1223	-
	Equipment Purchases			1360	1360	4344
	Consumables			2284	2284	1982
	Licenses & Software			612	612	-144
	Waste Collection				-	-
	Catering				-	-
	Depreciation	2944		1407	4351	36596
	Impairment	70040			70040	-
		72984	111841	42022	226847	191311

Notes To The Accounts

5 **Staff Costs**

	2021	2020
Wages & Salaries	104838	106859
National Insurance	3536	5433
Pension Costs	3192	3324
Total	111566	115616
Staff Numbers		
Management and Staff	4	4
Sessional Youth Workers	2	2
Actual numbers employed		
Full Time		4
Part Time		3

6 **Fixed Assets**

	Restricted			Unrestricted		
	Leasehold Improvements	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost						
As at 1/10/120	392916	28268	19627	31604	9382	481797
Additions						0
Disposals						0
As at 30/9/21	392916	28268	19627	31604	9382	481797
Depreciation						
As at 1/10/20	256758	28268	13117	31604	2389	332136
Charge			2944		1407	4351
Impairment Loss	70040					70040
As at 30/9/21	326798	28268	16061	31604	3796	406527
NBV						
As at 1/10/20	136158	0	6510	0	6993	149661
As at 30/9/21	66118	0	3566	0	5586	75270

The lease of the building is short term at an initial peppercorn rent, reviewed every 5 years over the lease period. The first review was on 1st August 2009. There has been no value ascribed to the rental income waived by Blyth Valley Borough Council. The lease is treated as an operating lease which ceases in 2029 but is subject to renewal.

7 **Fund Balances**

	Restricted Capital	Restricted Revenue	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1/10/20	115687	168206	107046	390939	382467
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(66,239)	60,380	1,208	(4,651)	8,472
Transfer Between Funds					
Balance 30/9/21	49448	228586	108254	386288	390939

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2021

Notes To The Accounts

8 **Deferred Income**

	Opening Balance £	Income Rel/Deferred £	Closing Balance £
Refurbishment Costs	(26,981)	6,745	(20,236)
	(26,981)	6,745	(20,236)
Creditors & Accruals			(5,705)
Total Current Liabilities			(25,941)

Refurbishment grants are released to income over the depreciable life of the assets to which they relate

Long term Liabilities

Total	0

9 The association has not entered into any related party transactions.

10 Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the SOFA on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

11 **Trustee Remuneration**

	2021	2020
The Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year.	0	0

12 **Fees for examination of accounts**

	2021 £	2020 £
Auditors' Fees	-	-
Other Fees (Accountancy)	950	850

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2021

Notes To The Accounts

13 List of Organisations Funding Cowpen Quay Community Association
Awards received in the Financial year 2020/2021

Date	Organisation
October	Children in Need
	Main Grant
	Rise North East
	Hadrian Trust
	RW Mann
November	Ridley Family
	NE Youth
December	Barbour Trust
	NCC
	Children in Need
January	NCC
	Shears Foundation
	Community Foundation
February	Community Foundation
	NCC
March	NCC
	Police
April	NCC
	Police
	Children in Need
	Northumbria Police
June	William Leech
July	St. Hilda,s
August	Children in Need

Steve Hancock Consultancy

16 Appleby Park, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 0PL

Cowpen Quay Community Association
55 Regent Street
Blyth
Northumberland
NE24 1LL
16th November 2020

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Cowpen Quay Community Association for the year ended 30th September 2021.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. It is my Responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (undersection145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no option 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.

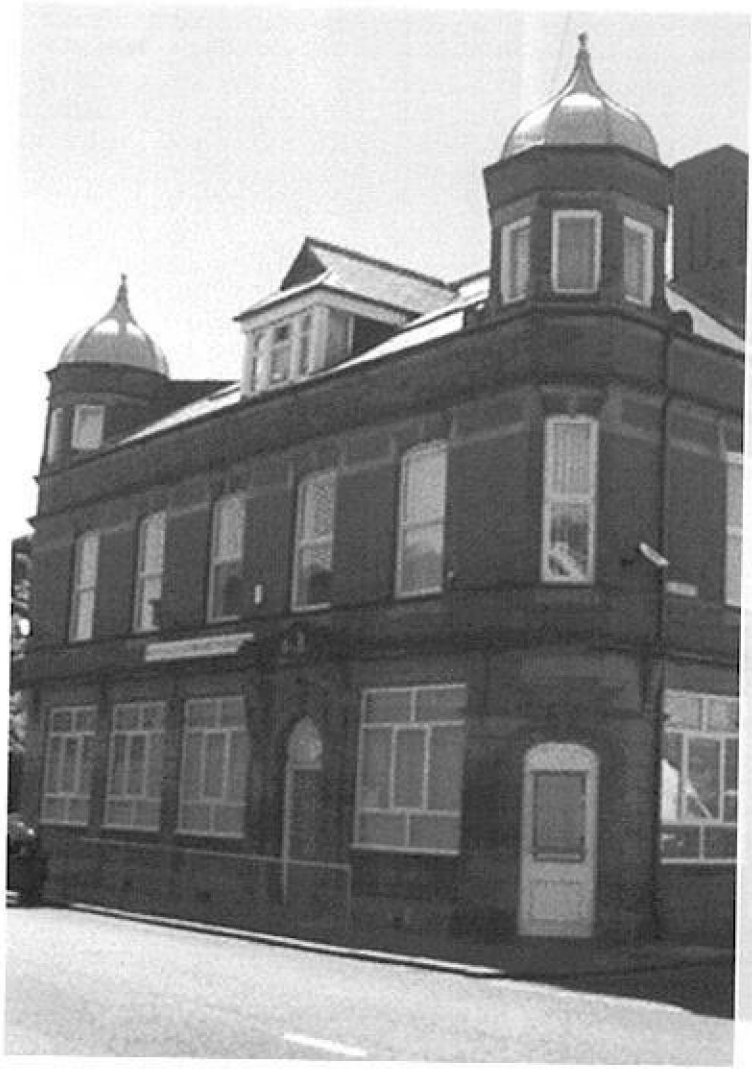
Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and with the provisions of Companies Act 2006.
   - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act and with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner
Stephen Hancock

S Hancock



Cowpen Quay Community Association

Annual Report 2021

The Buffalo Community Centre
55 Regent Street
BLYTH
Northumberland
NE24 1LL

Mission Statement

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction by associating with voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions of the said inhabitants.

To establish, run and maintain the Buffalo Community Centre, and to promote activities in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Those objectives embraced by the charity include working with:

Children and young people

Elderly people

People with a disability or special needs

General public

Activities provided include:

Education and training

Activities for the disabled

Arts and culture

Sports and recreation

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Honorary Chairperson's Report

Another year has passed, and we find CQCA (Cowpen Quay Community Association) is in our forty sixth year of our project like many more before, has seen our centre develop new activities and some not continuing due to the changes in trends. On a positive note, we have a variety of development plans for the future and will continue to deliver the best service we can to our community. This year due to the current pandemic it has been particularly hard for everyone but our staff team and volunteers rose to the challenge to support our community and those in need of help.

We should never underestimate the job that our staff team do along with the hard work our volunteers and Management Committee and centre manager do to make this another successful year for the Association. Without them our centre could not function successfully and I offer them heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself, the Association and the people who use our community centre.

Once again, our Youth Clubs continue to flourish. Our other young people's projects dance and martial arts continue to be successful with many young black belts coming through as trainers and our partnership with Active Northumberland still going strong within the dance groups.

Supported with funding assistance from Eileen and the work our team of youth leaders do, both staff they are exceptional in their work with our young people. Our Junior Youth Club has become very well established and continues to grow successfully with many exciting projects planned to benefit our community.

The support local people have continued to provide; completing valuable maintenance. Together with the local council our young people, they have carried out some tremendous clean-up work around the locality. We wish to extend a vote of thanks on behalf of our Association.

And finally, our groups, who are as always, the Association's soul; the reason we have been so successful over the years, and I would like to express our thanks to you for our success over the past year. We endeavour to continue to provide the services we offer for all current and potential centre users, and to be there when they require us. With our volunteers and local support, we will continue to offer a welcoming and friendly centre where community activities take place.

Foster Burt

Chairperson Cowpen Quay Community Association

CQCA Centre Report

This year we were very busy once again working with our local community offering social activities, training, events, building new networks, continuing to pursue our aims in supporting local people enjoying our centre programme. During this period, we were still in times of change with restrictions keep changing rapidly in how we had to work and what we were allowed to do in the community centre and it was hard to keep update with everything that was going on. Not just in our country right across the world people had to adapt to a new way of living due to the pandemic of Covid19 and the constant different variants that were appearing. The centre was in partial lockdown but during this time our staff remained committed to supporting our community by working in a different way.

We feel it is important to offer and massive thank you to the funders who support the running of our charity they have been tremendous in the support they have offered throughout this period of time in our history.

We continued throughout the many different stages of lockdown supporting our community as best we could and in a different way of working. Our youth team continued working with young people safely online, then carried out detached work. Our staff stayed in contact with the people who access our activities on the phone until they were allowed back into the centre for their particular activities. Staff and volunteers accessed online training to keep update their skills and worked from home catching up with paperwork. Our youth team carried out new youth work training. We continued to collect food for various different food providers who support those in need across Blyth. The stables got repainted out and external doors around the centre. We were lucky to gain support funding towards new carpets which has enhanced the look of the centre when you walk through the front door.

Our local Trustees continued to support the staff and volunteers was very much appreciated. They are the main stay to our charity, along with our supportive volunteers who are help towards ensuring we offer a wide range of activities.

Our Trustees remain very committed and will continue to serve our charity on the board. Rubina a qualified accountant, Michelle our Company Secretary, Steve a Solicitor along with our long serving Trustees Peggy and Foster who have both devoted 47 years of their time to our charity.

Some of our activities have changed during this year due to difficulties faced by many. Our Salsacise Tutor decided to start her own business and bought a Gym. We wish her well in this exciting new venture for her but we will miss her supporting our charity. We welcome a new dance tutor into our centre, enabling local people to access dance sessions.

Our activities are accessible to local people at an affordable cost or free due to many people on pensions, unemployed and our young people with no income. We would never turn someone away because they can't afford to join an activity. The centre is situated right in the heart of the community and people see us as a hub of activity; run by local people for local people.

Activities include over 50s sessions, arts, crafts dance, youth clubs and a session for young people with additional needs, IT drop in, camera club, martial arts and we hire rooms out to bring in a revenue stream working towards sustainability. Other sessions run are employment training courses, health wellbeing sessions and support groups for people with disabilities.

Our ethos has always been to encourage people running the groups to have their own autonomy and encourage a member join in our committee meetings to have a voice. This promotes a sense of belonging to the centre and the groups they are part of. It is vital that we inspire our young people to be part of and become young volunteers as thy are the next generation to be running our charity and become good young community citizens.

Like all community centre we have difficulties in encouraging people back into the centre. Our BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) women's group is back up and running after spending time work over wats app and other media platforms. This group have people have been really terrified during this pandemic and continue to be frightened. We have supported the women with vaccine appointments and we were offered the chance for our GP surgeries social prescribers to come in and carry out vaccination's here in the centre for them; should they wish. International women's day was held online and we linked in with Northumberland County Council this year to be part of the online event with them. Our manager and a member of staff attended an awards day in Ashington with a mixed cultural group of families where some of our women joined in. We are hoping to set up a new cultural group to encourage men and families to join. Both groups will continue our women's group will run in the morning and our new group in the afternoon.

The women's hub stopped running during lockdown as the offender rate for females on community pay back decreased but in Ashington the offender rate went up. They have started up again in Blyth but will now be selected training sessions moving forward. The males on community pay back carried out some work in our local park at a request of ours to paint all the park benches. They still met during lockdown times when they could but had to find outside work near public local services no bus transport was available so they had to meet on site.

We have been able to work with the police and local council together undertaking a week of action based in the Croft Ward and Cowpen Quay area of Blyth. This was all outside work aiming to clean the streets up, stop fly tipping, deal with anti-social behaviours and in general wok together and have a visible street presence. Cuppa with a copper session took place, street walkabouts, litter pick, public protection door knocking plus more. We have new cameras which have proved very positive with the local people and public protection. A number of fly tipping issues have results in fines issued and some drug deals were caught in the side cut which identified the perpetrators and a very vicious machete attack was caught on camera. This has also bonded our relationships with the police and public protection officers within the local council.

The parent group was allowed to continue however the numbers remained low and we will continue this project again at a later date.

This past year we have found ourselves in the position where a number of smaller groups are asking us for our help find funding and set up new groups. We do signpost these to our local CVA (Community Voluntary Action) team.

Our youth projects still continued but in different ways during the various lock down restrictions. Detached youth work took place and work over social media doing quizzes, colouring in and cooking. Our workers also put many different activity packs up and personal hygiene kits and delivered them out to our young people; this was really important as well wanted to keep contact with those who have additional needs and were classed more at risk. Greggs have continued to support us with food for the young people and at this current moment in times it is needed more than ever. We ensured they had food during school holidays so those on free school meals didn't go hungry as many people have lost income and jobs during the pandemic.

Small group work outside activities included litter picking, tree planting and growing sunflowers. The local council gave us 60 whips to plant up an orchard called trees for Tom, named after Captain Tom who raised millions for the NHS. Our group then grew sunflower seeds to plant up creating a garden of hope. This work came about because we helped set up another new group during lockdown called the Friends of Crofton Field. The aim of this was to encourage people to become involved in outdoor activities safely during Covid19 to support health and wellbeing. It is now a constituted group in its own right. It is similar to the other group we set up years ago called the Friends of Ridley Park. Underlying outcomes for us were to encourage young people to take care of their local environment as there had been some criminal damage, vandalism and fires over in the woodland areas of Crofton fields. Similar reason as to why we set The Friends of Ridley Park up we wanted young people to take ownership of projects over their such as tree planting and keeping the area clean. One really positive outcome from the young people's hard work is they won an I Love Northumberland Award in September, presented by the Duchess of Northumberland at Alnwick Gardens.

We joined in with our local carnival which everyone only 2 weeks to get everything set up. It was really attended after being organised at such late notice.

During the Christmas period we supported operation Elf by giving them the space to work because we were restricted to what activities we could offer in the centre. Operation Elf was run as the Mayors charity with Blyth Town Council and other projects which all came together to ensure local children in need got a Christmas presents. Operation Elf continues to give Birthday presents and for those children going into hospital pyjamas, towel and personal hygiene items. Santa also made a visit around our work courtesy of our town council and the elves.

We have been well supported by many funders and different charities without their support we could not deliver the activities, events and training to local people. CQCA would also like to thank all of our volunteers, staff who all work together to ensure we continue to provide good practice and a valuable service to our local community. This support has been really very well apricated during this current time with Covid19 and like many other charities the road ahead in scary and uncertain. We have reopened the community centre and are

running Covid19 compliant but it's like starting up anew charity again because many people are still very frightened to come out especially the BME women, the elderly and disabled.



Buffalo youth projects won the I Love Northumberland Awards. Presented by the Duchess of Northumberland Alnwick Gardens September 2021



Litter picking with young people over on Crofton Fields safely at a distance during Covid-19



One of the many activity packs our Leaders gave out during lockdown



Blyth Carnival 2021



One of our younger members enjoying their healthy eating session



Visit from our High Sheriff of Northumberland, Joanne Riddell

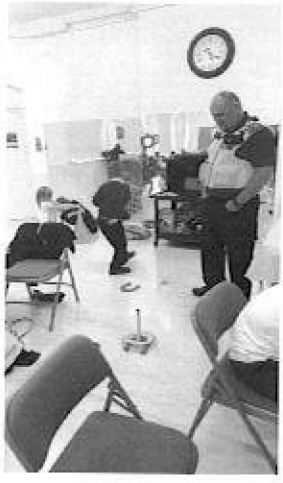


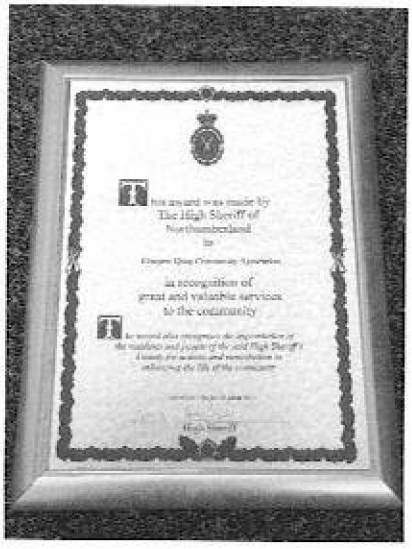
Youth club trip to White House Farm.





Our local community PCSO joining in with our youth club young people



High Sheriff Award 2021



Love Northumberland Award 2021