

**Cowpen Quay Community Association**

**Charity No. (1131449)**

**Co. Registration No. (6293107)**

**Unaudited Financial Statements**

**Year Ended 30th September 2023**


**Steve Hancock Consultancy**

**16 Appleby Park**

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Rubina Kaskif.  
Treasurer.   
28/12/2023.

## **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

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  
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Chair

Treasurer  
Vice Chair

#### **Management**

Eileen Cartie

Centre Manager

#### **Accountants**

Steve Hancock

#### **Bankers**

TSB  
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*Rubina Kashif*

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*18/12/2023*

## **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Structure, Governance & Management**

Cowpen Quay Community Association Limited was incorporated 26<sup>th</sup> 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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#### **Activities provided:**

- Education and training
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#### **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

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

# Cowpen Quay Community Association

## Balance Sheet

As at 30th September 2023


	Note	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Tangible assets	6	15000			15000	0
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Debtors				12433	12433	15054
Bank		5300	211222	175577	392099	381676
Cash				87	87	119
		5300	211222	188097	404619	396849
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
Sundry Creditors and Defer Income	8	(5,300)		(3,996)	(9,296)	(4,069)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		0	211,222	184101	395323	392780
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>	8		-		0	0
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		15,000	211222	184101	410323	392780
<b>Funds</b>						
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 :

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- 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 Keshif

## Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

### 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 their 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 & equipment	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 £
	<b>Grants &amp; Donations</b>					
	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
	<b>Other Income</b>					
	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

	Restricted Capital £	Restricted Revenue £	Unrestricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
4 Outgoing Resources					
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



Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30th September 2023

Notes To The Accounts

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

6	Fixed Assets	-----Restricted-----				-----Unrestricted-----		
		Leasehold	Fix,ftgs &	Computer	L/Hold Improve	Fix,ftgs &	Computer	
	Cost	Improvements	Equipment	Equipment	2023>	Equipment	Equipment	Total
	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
	<b>Depreciation</b>							
	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
	<b>NBV</b>							
	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.

7	<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>Capital</b>	<b>Revenue</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	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

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Notes To The Accounts

8	<b>Deferred Income</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Income Rel/Deferred</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
		£	£	£
	Refurbishment Costs	0	(5,300)	(5,300)
		0	(5,300)	(5,300)
	Creditors & Accruals			(3,996)
	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			(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	<b>Trustee Remuneration</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	The Trustees received neither remuneration nor expenses during the year.	0	0

12	<b>Fees for examination of accounts</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
	Auditors' Fees	-	-
	Other Fees ( Accountancy )	950	950

Cowpen Quay Community Association

For the year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> 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

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## **Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts of Cowpen Quay Community Association for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> 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 section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(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 opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Examiner's Statement**

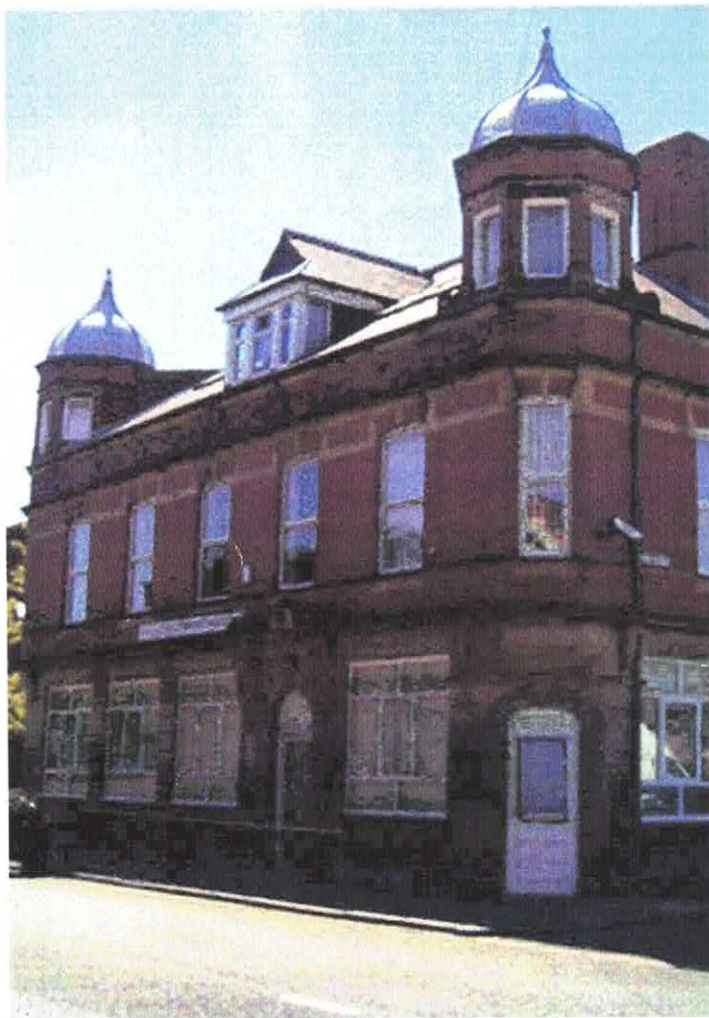
Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

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







**Cowpen Quay Community Association**

# **Annual Report 2023**



**Dräger**

The Buffalo Community Centre  
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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:

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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 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 our 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 to 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







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.

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