FIRTHMOOR AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1144955

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07842311
Registered	2011-12-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF FIRTHMOOR AND LASCELLES PARK DISTRICT AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD THEREO (FROM NOW ON IN THE DOCUMENT CALLED THE "AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPTIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.B) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME, WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: Our charity was set up by local residents in September 1977; the aim of the charity is to enhance the lives of local residents. The charity owns and runs Firthmoor Community Centre which houses several services, including a Nursery, Cafe, Playgroup, Games Area and a Dental Clinic. The charity also supports services such as a credit union, citizens advice, childcare services and a local food bank

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£941,810	£928,270	£1,180,410	28
2024-03-31	£888,377	£804,391	£1,166,870	24
2023-03-31	£661,009	£790,616	£1,082,884	24
2022-03-31	£706,642	£679,702	£1,212,491	24
2021-03-31	£572,747	£505,270	£1,185,551	23

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Maureen Martin	Chair	2023-03-11
Allison Cleminson		2023-11-30
Kamara Mills		2025-04-24
Susan Dulston		2013-10-30
Susan Margaret Morley		2024-03-11

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Accounts

Firthmoor & District Community Association

ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 2025



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Charity Objectives....

An extract from our Articles of Association

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Firthmoor and Lascelles Park and the Neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other options, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
2. To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of these objects

The area in which we operate general overview:

Firthmoor Community Centre is located in Eastbourne Ward in the southeast of Darlington, the majority of which is comprised of the Firthmoor Estate. Eastbourne is ranked 664th (worst 8% nationally) in the Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation (estimated using combined LSOA scores).

The area has a population of 5,780 residents in 2,660 households. 22.4% of the population is aged under 16 with 19.3% over the age of retirement, compared with 19.5% and 18.6% nationally. The proportion of the population from ethnic minorities is 2.2% compared with 2.1% in Darlington and 8.7% in England in Wales.

The unemployment rate in Eastbourne is 5.2%, the fourth highest in Darlington compared to the overall Darlington figure of 4%. Youth unemployment in Eastbourne is the fourth worst in Darlington, with 38.8% of unemployed people aged between 18-24.

25.6% of the working age population receive key benefits, with 28.5% of children living in low-income households, the eleventh worst in Darlington. Eastbourne has the second highest proportion of single parent households in Darlington at 5.1%. Eastbourne also has the biggest problem with dental health among children, with an average of 3.5% decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft). The ward also has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in the town.

Educational attainment is low, with results at Key Stage 2 being the worst in Darlington, along with the lowest level of adults in further education (4.6%). Only 5% of people aged 18 to 20 progress to university.

Chair of Trustees....



The past year has been a challenging and reflective period for Firthmoor Community Centre. We have experienced significant changes within our Board and trustee team, and I would like to place on record my thanks to those who have stepped down, as well as those who have stepped forward to support the organisation during this time of transition.

Despite these challenges, I am proud to say that we have continued to maintain vital services for our community. Ensuring that local people can still access support, activities, and a welcoming space has remained at the heart of everything we do.

This year has very much been about resetting. We have taken time to review our internal processes, strengthen governance, and put robust plans in place to manage our finances more effectively and save money where possible. These steps are essential to securing the long-term sustainability of the Community Centre.

We recognise that we have not been able to deliver as many community events as in previous years. This has been disappointing for us and for our residents, but it has been a direct result of funding challenges and necessary staff restructuring. These decisions have not been taken lightly and were made to protect the core services that so many people rely on.

Like many charities, we continue to face ongoing pressures from rising costs, including the National Living Wage, increased energy prices, and the wider impact of inflation. These factors present real challenges; however, we are working hard to minimise their impact on our users and to ensure that Firthmoor Community Centre remains accessible and supportive to all.

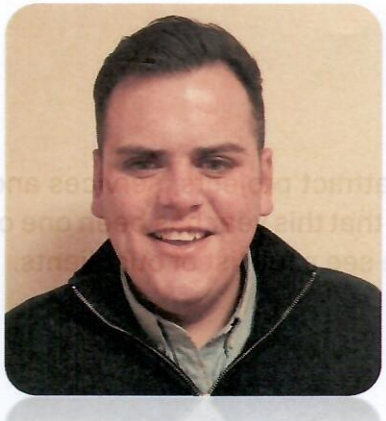
Looking ahead, we are focused on rebuilding capacity, strengthening partnerships, and creating opportunities to once again expand our community offer. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, funders, and the wider community for their continued support, patience, and belief in the importance of Firthmoor Community Centre.

Together, we remain committed to serving our community and ensuring that Firthmoor continues to be a place where people feel supported, connected, and proud to belong.

Maureen Martin

Jessica Connors
Chair of Trustees

Head of Charity Operations ...



Firthmoor Community Centre has experienced another positive year and continues to sit at the very heart of the community. We remain Darlington's largest community charity, providing a wide range of services, activities, and support to local people of all ages.

This year, we were delighted to welcome several new groups to the organisation, including Andy's Man Club and the NHS Pain Clinic. These additions reflect our ongoing commitment to responding to local need and ensuring that our spaces are used to support health, wellbeing, and connection. Alongside this, well-established services such as the Dementia Café continue to go from strength to strength, demonstrating the real impact of consistent, community-led support.

As with many charities, financial challenges have remained a key focus throughout the year. Rising costs and funding pressures have required us to think creatively, find new solutions, and work smarter to ensure we use our resources as effectively as possible. This has been an important period of reflection and problem-solving for the organisation.

A significant part of this year has been spent listening. We have engaged with our staff, volunteers, and service users to better understand what changes could be made to strengthen the charity, improve delivery, and ensure that Firthmoor continues to meet the needs of the community both now and in the future. Their feedback has been invaluable in shaping our plans.

Looking ahead, planning for next year's events and activities is already well underway, and there is a real sense of optimism about what lies ahead. We are confident that the coming year will be a very good one for the charity, with exciting opportunities to build on our strengths, grow our offer, and continue supporting our community.

I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, partners, and supporters for their continued dedication and commitment. Together, we are ensuring that Firthmoor Community Centre remains a vibrant, welcoming, and resilient organisation for the people of Darlington.

Jonathan Dulston
Head of Charity Operations

Who uses our centre?

Since the centre was built in 2004, we have continued to attract projects, services and businesses that enhance our community. We are delighted that this year has been one of the most diverse for services we offer our members. Please see a full list of our clients.

Joanne Lowe Academy of Dance
Slimming World
Councillor Ward Surgeries
Darlington Borough Council – Activities Programme
Tool Library Service
N – Gage Learning Group
NHS - National Childminders
NHS – Cardiac Rehabilitation
National Blood Services (NHS)
Citizens Advice
The Bread & Butter Thing
Over 50's Group
Police PACT
Exercise classes.
Cockerton Pharmacy
Hyder Dental Practice
NHS Hearing Screening Clinics
DBC – Early Help Team
Locomotive Security
NHS Pain Clinc
Dementia Group

Community Association Projects...

Maidendale Nursery

In line with government legislation our nursery has been closed for a large proportion of this reporting period. We have however been able to support key worker families with continuing to provide services. We recognised early on during this pandemic that we had a responsibility more than ever before to step up and provide for our community. Our committed staff team remained professional and dedicated to the service we provided, often during periods of increased anxiety as the national and local Covid-19 rates were accelerating.

Despite the challenges we have faced as a charity by the national restrictions and lockdowns we have benefited financially by the government financial support packages. We have received several lockdown grants over the last year along with utilising the furlough scheme and more recently the flexible furlough scheme as we have stated to reopen.

The Nursery continues to be overseen by our head of children and young people who is supported by a deputy nursery manager and 3 Senior nursery practitioners. In addition to

this we employ 20 childcare practitioners and at the time of writing this report we had 165 children enrolled within our nursery.

Community Café

Due to government legislation our café has had to close for a significant period over the last year. We have however remained open to produce hot meals to our nursery for the children who were attending under the key worker criteria. In addition to this, the café has also provided hot nutritious meals for 120 young peripli as part of Darlington Borough Council's Easer activities programme.

Whilst in lockdown we took the opportunity to refurbish and re paint the cafe kitchen. This investment has given the kitchen a fresh clean and professional feel which has been received well by staff and service users alike. In addition to this we have also made a number of investments in equipment by purchasing a new 2-barrel fryer, a new commercial range cooker and an industrial microwave. This investment is part of our plans to develop our menu and service in the coming year.

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Community Fun Days, Trips & Social Evenings and Firthmoor LIVE

Due to government legislation, we took the decision to suspend our activities programme until further notice however we continue to engage with our community via our social media platforms to understand and tease their appetite for future event. Whilst our trips programme will not start until summer 2026, we are already starting to make plans for Firthmoor LIVE 2026

Online Presence & Digital Services

This technology enables our member to receive news, discounts, and information in real time via our database of member's numbers. We also use the service to set reminders for our Trustees' meetings and to send important message to employees. All you need to do is register your mobile phone number with the charity to receive updates.

Fundraising & Support Projects...

Firthmoor Food Bank

During the last year we have stepped up for our community and become a COVID-19 support hub where we have been able to help our residents with essential items. we supported over 600 residents with food parcels during the hight of the pandemic which provided over 1,000 meals.

In addition to food support, we were also able to support those who were clinically vulnerable and shielding. We collected prescriptions for people along with collecting shopping for those most clinically vulnerable. Firthmoor Food Bank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis. Our food bank is completely self-sustaining and relies on donations from individuals and groups. Our partnership working with groups such as our local Slimming World, local supermarkets and schools have supported the sustainability of this service.

Volunteer Programme

There is sound evidence that volunteering brings benefits to both the person volunteering and the people and organisations they support. We have developed a strong volunteer database this year. We have focused on supporting key activities within the charity whilst also supporting individuals to gain confidence and experience in those roles and we are pleased to report that our volunteer numbers are increasing steadily.

The Bread & Butter Thing

We are delighted that we have been able to work in partnership with the bread and butter thing over the last year by providing room hire along with a fantastic team of volunteers. This great project works with corporate food suppliers to save and redistribute food that would have gone to landfill. Residents who user the service receive approximately £35 work of shopping for £7.50. So far, the project has delivered 5,000 food parcels to families serving approximately 80 families per week. This has saved 24 tonnes of food from going to landfill and provided an astonishing 500,000 meals. For more information of the great work of this project please visit. www.breadandbutterthing.org.

Organisational Structure & Business Model

Organisational Report of the Association, for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Firthmoor & District Community Association is a voluntary group, run by local people who own and are responsible for maintaining Firthmoor Community Centre. The charity provides support and delivers essential community services for local people in Firthmoor - we are passionate about our community.

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes and aims for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community. We continue to develop new organisational structures, inspirational leadership and drive a new community culture. We aim to continually improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our charity. Working closely with the Chairman, the Head of Charity Operations and Head of children 7 young people are responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the charity and individual supervision of employees. The Chief Officer also ensures that the employee team continues to develop skills and working standards in line with good practice and legislation. Firthmoor & District Community Association has a strategic change initiative to create the best Community Centre in Darlington; an organisation capable of delivering community services at the grass roots.

We want everyone to be involved in maintaining a great community building in the smartest and most efficient way possible. Our community's expectations continue to grow and in order that we meet those challenges, changes and expectations, every element of our charity will need to adapt to ensure we are set up to succeed.

Investments

This year we have started a fantastic partnership with N-Gage which aims to support young people to be the best they can be. The boxing club runs on an evening along with competitions on a weekend. N-Gage also has an alternative education arm to its business which runs during the day.

Our Vision

The charity's vision is summarised as:

'To be widely recognised as the best community charity in Darlington, where we create unique community experiences that our members, residents and employees feel proud to be a part of'

Our Values

Accountability **Communication** **Innovation** **Efficiency** **Trusting**



'own it' *'discuss it'* *'create it'* *'do It'* *'believe it'*

promoting clear values and behaviours; creating systems and processes that keep our employees up to date, on board and part of our journey; ensuring consistency, fairness, and ownership.

- ✓ ***Making a difference to our community***– maintaining and enhancing our reputation as a great place to be; delivering high quality standards that deliver a unique and practical benefit to local people, businesses, and our members.
- ✓ ***Strengthening our leadership model*** – maintaining our current methods of governance; reviewing our impact and effectiveness in ensuring the stability of the administration; providing good governance and leadership by exercising effective controls; being open and accountable.
- ✓ ***Building a sustainable future*** – supporting our long-term future and our ability to improve our facilities, services, and effectiveness by optimising any income surplus by building and growing our business in order to better support our community in a socially responsible way

Delivering on our aims and objectives

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review focuses on the successes of each of the key activities of our charity and the benefits they have brought to the people we are here to support. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set and how they most benefit the community.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- ✓ Working in partnership with others to provide a range of services and activities for local people
- ✓ Building upon our service delivery to provide an excellent customer-focused environment for our users and members, who access the centre daily
- ✓ Ensuring an environment where people want to spend more of their social and recreational time, whilst providing healthy meals at affordable prices
- ✓ Working towards fully maintaining our self-sustaining community centre free from a further dependence on grant funding
- ✓ Promoting the advancement of education and health through the provision of an in-house nursery and dental practice

Recruitment, appointment, and induction of trustees

We regularly advertise for vacancies on the board through our website, Facebook page and via our community newsletter. We are also signed up to the local community voluntary service network.

Our new trustees are elected at the AGM for a one-year term and are eligible for re-election each year, with no term limit. Trustees elected at the AGM can reside in any area of Darlington. Those wishing to be co-opted on to the board during the year must be a resident of the council wards of Eastbourne and Lascelles.

There are four officer positions available for election at each AGM. Honorary Officers are elected and the positions are Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Applications for trusteeship must be received before the meeting and a twenty-one day general notice of this requirement is given.
All our new trustees will be familiarised with the practical work of the Charity and how the Community Centre is managed. The Chief Officer, in partnership with the secretary, is responsible for arranging induction sessions for new trustees, which involves issuing email accounts, ID Badges, explaining the structures of the Charity, its constitutional workings, and its current range of business activities. This includes a deep dive into the accounts and business plans. All trustees are required to sign the code of conduct and agree to our 'good governance' policy statement. Training is carried out as appropriate and, where necessary, guidance is updated or recommended.

How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community.

Who uses and benefits from our services

Firthmoor Community Centre provides services and activities that support people to reach their full potential. An important first step in providing the services that will benefit people's lives is in understanding the 'needs' that exist in the local community and how those 'needs' could best be met. From this starting point services and activities can then be established, alone or in partnership with our community. We are committed to ensuring our community improves and builds upon opportunities.

Principal Funding Sources

Aside from the income generated from groups who use the Community Centre as a base to provide social and recreational activities, the principal funding sources for the charity are now derived from our in-house childcare operations and room hire income.
Following constraints on local authority funding in Darlington, which led to all subsidies to Community Centres being cut to zero, the charity has to ensure all income to cover running costs is derived from business activities e.g. room/office hire charges, nursery places, café sales etc.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount of working capital, the charity has no funds to invest. If the charity had sufficient resources available Trustees would consider the options available, however, at this present time the Management Committee has decided to focus resources towards a continued cycle of repair and renewal of the building until such time as large surpluses can be accumulated for future planned investments.

Reserves & Risks Policy

In order to highlight any risks to the organisation, the Board of Trustees and Chief Officer continually examine the charity's cash flow and reserves through regular budget reviews and updates, led by the treasurer. The charity has established polices with regards to finance, employee relations and operational health and safety, which are reviewed annually by the secretary. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have also been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

In the past the charity used to be highly dependent on grant income, however, business income now forms all of the charity's resources, so emphasis on where the risks lie has changed. Greater attention is now being placed not just on how we conduct our business, but with an emphasis on developing a strong leadership team, with accountable and dynamic managers.

The charity's current reserves statement and operational direction is to maintain sufficient working capital and manage cash flow to meet any known commitments. In most cases, the charity's annual expenditure budgets are not executed until predicted income budgetary targets have been achieved. This approach has been adopted to ensure that there is a sufficient flow of cash to meet known commitments.

The charity has a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure.

procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients, and visitors to the centre.

As part of the annual budget approved each April, the charity treasurer, on behalf of the trustees, conducts a review of the approved budget each October. Where appropriate, amendments will be made to ensure that any risks are identified in all our operations.

Plans for Future Periods

This coming year will be about going back to basic and re shaping the way we deliver our services to the community. We hope to enhance our activities, trips and theatre across the centre. In addition to this we will relocate our reception are and make way for our new dedicated SEND unit which will increase the capacity of our nurse4ry provision.

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRATEGIC REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
07842311 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity number
1144955

Registered office
Firthmoor Community Centre
Burnside Road
Darlington
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Trustees
Steven Tait (resigned on 25th November 2024)
Susan Dulston
Kayleigh Jones (resigned 25th November 2024)
Susan Morley (resigned 25th November 2024)
Maureen Martin
Susan Bartle (resigned 16th April 2025)
Allison Clemminson (resigned on 25th November 2025)
Jessica Connors (resigned 16th April 2025)
Paul Hutchinson (appointed 25th November 2024)
Kamara Mills (appointed 25th November 2024)
Kevin Nicholson (appointed 25th November 2024)

Company Secretary
Susan Morley

Independent Examiner
J P Walters & Co
Chartered Accountants
67 Duke Street
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 20-3-26 and signed on the board's behalf by:

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Maureen Martin - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Firthmoor and District Community Association

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Firthmoor and District Community Association ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J P Walters BSc BFP FCA
ICAEW
J P Walters & Co
Chartered Accountants
67 Duke Street
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL3 7SD

Date: 20-3-2026

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,596	-	1,596	4,280
Charitable activities	4				
Nursery		581,701	59,624	641,325	466,499
Kitchen		41,902	-	41,902	71,866
General		11,878	47,726	59,604	142,124
Other trading activities	3	197,383	-	197,383	203,608
Total		834,460	107,350	941,810	888,377
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	14,267	-	14,267	31,632
Charitable activities	6				
Nursery		528,533	-	528,533	439,150
Kitchen		57,780	-	57,780	83,063
General		294,764	-	294,764	219,866
General Restricted		-	32,926	32,926	30,680
Total		895,344	32,926	928,270	804,391
NET INCOME		(60,884)	74,424	13,540	83,986
Transfers between funds	16	(3,198)	3,198	-	-
Net movement in funds		(64,082)	77,622	13,540	83,986
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		170,941	995,929	1,166,870	1,082,884
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		106,859	1,073,551	1,180,410	1,166,870

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	42,555	1,073,551	1,116,106	1,039,191
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-	-	-	-
Debtors		4,630	-	4,630	10,195
Cash at bank and in hand		65,241	-	65,241	122,537
		69,871	-	69,871	130,936
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(5,567)	-	(5,567)	(5,053)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		64,304	-	64,304	117,484
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		106,859	1,073,551	1,180,410	1,166,870
NET ASSETS		106,859	1,073,551	1,180,410	1,166,870
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				106,859	170,941
Restricted funds				1,073,551	995,929
TOTAL FUNDS				1,180,410	1,166,870

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20-3-26 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Maureen Martin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	64,048	137,460
Net cash provided by operating activities		64,048	137,460
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(121,344)	(105,107)
Net cash used in investing activities		(121,344)	(105,107)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(57,296)	32,353
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	122,537	90,184
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	65,241	122,537

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	13,540	83,986
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	44,429	47,955
Loss on disposal of assets	-	43
Decrease in debtors	5,565	2,823
Increase in creditors	514	2,653
Net cash inflow/(outflow) provided by operations	64,048	137,460

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.3.24 £	31.3.24 £
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	65,241	122,537
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	65,241	122,537

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	122,537	(57,296)	65,241
Total	122,537	(57,296)	65,241

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Donations	1,596	4,280

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Fundraising events	2,355	27,123
Rental income	195,028	176,485
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	-	-
	197,383	203,608

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.25	31.3.24
		£	£
Nursery fees	Nursery	149,709	193,338
Grants	Nursery	491,616	273,161
Café income	Kitchen	41,902	71,866
Miscellaneous	General	-	4,432
Grants	General	57,806	137,403
Photocopying/Tool hire	General	1,798	289
		742,831	680,489

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
DBC Special Educational Needs Grant	14,378	13,000
DBC Nursery Education Grant	217,463	129,648
DBC Early Years Grant	183,804	130,513
DBC Baby Funding	16,347	-
DBC Grants	107,350	25,500
DBC Grant – Minibus	9,000	-
NHS Grant	480	25,000
Darlington Youth Grant	600	-
Football Foundation Grant	-	86,903
	549,422	410,564

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Purchases	14,267	31,632

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Nursery	527,540	-	993	528,533
Kitchen	57,143	-	637	57,780
General	294,764	-	294,764	294,764
General Restricted	32,926	-	32,926	32,926
	584,683	-	329,320	914,003

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Nursery	-	-

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Nursery	993	-	993
Kitchen	637	-	637
General	291,597	3,167	294,764
General Restricted	32,926	-	32,926
	326,153	3,167	329,320

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	44,429	47,955

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	449,054	429,784
Pension costs	4,195	5,531
	453,249	435,315

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24
Full time	18	16
Part time	10	8
	28	24

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	4,280	-	4,280
Charitable activities			
Nursery	466,499	-	466,499
Kitchen	71,866	-	71,866
General	35,221	106,903	142,124
Other trading activities	203,608	-	203,608
Total	781,474	106,903	883,377

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	31,632	-	31,632
Charitable activities			
Nursery	439,150	-	439,150
Kitchen	83,063	-	83,063
General	251,498	-	251,498
General Restricted	-	30,680	30,680
Total	773,711	30,680	804,391
NET INCOME	7,763	76,223	83,986
Transfers between funds	(-)	-	-
Net movement in funds	7,763	76,223	83,986
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	163,178	919,706	1,082,884
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	170,941	995,929	1,166,870

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	1,533,977	105,650	-	1,639,627
Additions	112,344	-	9,000	121,344
Disposals	-	(1,812)	-	(1,812)
At 31 March 2025	1,646,321	103,838	9,000	1,759,159
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	539,844	60,592	-	600,436
Charge for year	32,926	11,503	-	44,429
Eliminated on disposal	-	(1,812)	-	(1,812)
At 31 March 2025	572,770	70,283	-	643,053
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	1,073,551	33,555	9,000	1,116,106
At 31 March 2024	994,133	45,058	-	1,039,191

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	-	-
Social security and other taxes	-	-
Accrued expenses	5,567	5,053
	5,567	5,053

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	-

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	101,077	(98,174)	56,426	59,329
Nursery	81,355	53,168	(59,624)	74,899
Kitchen	(11,491)	(15,878)	-	(27,369)
	170,941	(60,884)	(3,198)	106,859
Restricted funds				
General	995,929	74,424	3,198	1,073,551
TOTAL FUNDS	1,166,870	13,540	-	1,180,410

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	210,857	309,031	(98,174)
Nursery	581,701	528,533	53,168
Kitchen	41,902	57,780	(15,878)
	834,460	895,344	(60,884)
Restricted funds			
General fund	47,726	32,926	14,800
Nursery	59,624	-	59,624
	107,350	32,926	74,424
TOTAL FUNDS	941,810	928,270	13,540

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	121,466	(8,389)	(12,000)	101,077
Nursery	54,006	27,349	-	81,355
Kitchen	(12,294)	(11,197)	12,000	(11,491)
	163,178	7,763	(-)	170,941
Restricted funds				
General	919,706	76,223	-	995,929
TOTAL FUNDS	1,082,884	83,986	-	1,166,870

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	243,109	251,498	(8,389)
Nursery	466,499	439,150	27,349
Kitchen	71,866	83,063	(11,197)
	781,474	773,711	7,763
Restricted funds			
General	106,903	30,680	76,223
TOTAL FUNDS	888,377	804,391	83,986

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	121,466	(106,563)	44,426	59,329
Nursery	54,006	80,517	(59,624)	74,899
Kitchen	(12,294)	(27,075)	12,000	(27,369)
	163,178	(53,121)	(3,198)	106,859
Restricted funds				
General	919,706	150,647	3,198	1,073,551
TOTAL FUNDS	1,082,884	97,526	-	1,180,410

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	453,966	560,529	(106,563)
Nursery	1,048,200	967,683	80,517
Kitchen	113,768	140,843	(27,075)
	1,615,934	1,669,055	(53,121)
Restricted funds			
General	214,253	63,606	150,647
TOTAL FUNDS	1,830,187	1,732,661	97,526

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,596	4,280
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	2,355	27,123
Rental income	195,028	176,485
Feed in tariffs	-	-
	197,383	203,608
Charitable activities		
Nursery fees	149,709	193,338
Cafe income	41,902	71,866
Grants	549,422	410,564
Photocopying/Tool hire	1,798	289
Miscellaneous income	-	4,432
	742,831	680,489
Total incoming resources	941,810	888,377
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cost of trips, events and fund raising	14,267	31,632
Charitable activities		
Wages	320,731	339,720
Professional fees	10,400	-
Sundries	25,698	2,614
Consumables	108,223	81,436
Nursery meals	7,498	25,246
Core overhead contribution	111,575	55,183
Cleaning	558	764
Donations	-	164
	584,683	505,127
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	128,323	90,064
Pensions	4,195	5,531
Staff training	-	714
Rates and water	2,856	3,588
Insurance	4,356	4,383
Light and heat	82,891	45,880
Carried forward	222,621	150,160

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
Management		
Brought forward	222,621	150,160
Bank charges	2,030	1,917
Telephone	10,201	4,861
Office supplies	2,098	2,356
Consumables	6,332	-
Advertising	-	241
Sundries	842	12,753
Maintenance contracts	11,711	10,941
Licences and subscriptions	17,898	24,184
Cleaning	3,899	5,675
Repairs and renewals	4,092	3,050
Loss on disposal of assets	-	43
Depreciation of property	32,926	30,680
Depreciation of fixtures	11,496	17,179
Depreciation of computer equipment	7	96
	326,153	264,136
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,167	2,653
Legal fees	-	843
	3,167	3,496
Total resources expended	928,270	804,391
Net income	13,540	83,986

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Charity Objectives....

An extract from our Articles of Association

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Firthmoor and Lascelles Park and the Neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other options, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
2. To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of these objects

The area in which we operate general overview:

Firthmoor Community Centre is located in Eastbourne Ward in the southeast of Darlington, the majority of which is comprised of the Firthmoor Estate. Eastbourne is ranked 664th (worst 8% nationally) in the Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation (estimated using combined LSOA scores).

The area has a population of 5,780 residents in 2,660 households. 22.4% of the population is aged under 16 with 19.3% over the age of retirement, compared with 19.5% and 18.6% nationally. The proportion of the population from ethnic minorities is 2.2% compared with 2.1% in Darlington and 8.7% in England in Wales.

The unemployment rate in Eastbourne is 5.2%, the fourth highest in Darlington compared to the overall Darlington figure of 4%. Youth unemployment in Eastbourne is the fourth worst in Darlington, with 38.8% of unemployed people aged between 18-24.

25.6% of the working age population receive key benefits, with 28.5% of children living in low-income households, the eleventh worst in Darlington. Eastbourne has the second highest proportion of single parent households in Darlington at 5.1%. Eastbourne also has the biggest problem with dental health among children, with an average of 3.5% decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft). The ward also has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in the town.

Educational attainment is low, with results at Key Stage 2 being the worst in Darlington, along with the lowest level of adults in further education (4.6%). Only 5% of people aged 18 to 20 progress to university.

Eastbourne has levels of car ownership that are significantly lower than the national rate, with 42.0% of households not owning a car, compared to 26.8% nationally. House prices have stagnated, and the average price of a property in Eastbourne is £104,300, which is ranked as joint eighth in Darlington (along with Park East). A third of houses in Eastbourne are rented from social landlords.

The report...

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's articles, the Charity's Act 1993 and the statement of recommended practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.

Chair of Trustees....



Its an honour to have served my first year as the Chair of the Board. As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that our organisation has experienced a period of remarkable growth and achievement.

The year has been marked by a series of significant milestones and successes. We have witnessed a resurgence in our core operations, such as increased revenue, new partnerships, and successful projects with NGage. These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our talented team, whose unwavering commitment has been instrumental in driving our progress.

Perhaps most notably, the past year has solidified our position as one of the most successful periods since the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not only recovered from the setbacks of the past, but we have emerged stronger and more resilient than ever before.

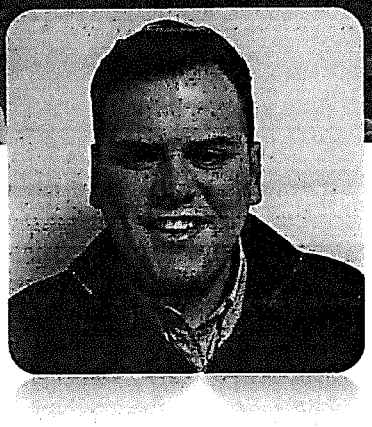
As we move forward, I am confident that our organisation is well-positioned to capitalize on the opportunities that lie ahead. We have a strong foundation, a talented team, and a clear vision for the future. Together, we will continue to push the boundaries of innovation, deliver exceptional results, and solidify our position as a leader in our industry.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. I look forward to working with each of you to build upon our successes and create an even brighter future for our organisation.

Jessica Connors

Jessica Connors
Chair of Trustees

Head of Charity Operations ....



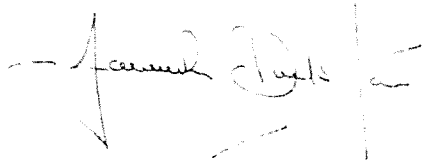
The past financial year has presented significant challenges for our charity due to a confluence of economic factors. Rising energy prices, a 9.8% increase in the national living wage, and persistent inflationary pressures have significantly impacted our operational costs.

The sharp rise in energy prices has had a particularly detrimental effect on our budget. As a result, we have had to implement energy-saving measures, such as reducing heating and lighting usage, to mitigate the impact on our finances. While these measures have helped to alleviate some of the burden, they have not been sufficient to completely offset the increased costs.

The increase in the national living wage, while necessary to support workers, has also contributed to higher labour costs. This has put pressure on our overall budget and forced us to reassess our staffing levels and wage structures. Additionally, the ongoing inflationary pressures have led to higher costs for our café provisions, making it challenging to maintain profitability in this area.

Despite the economic challenges, our charity has also experienced several positive developments during the past financial year. One significant achievement was the long-term lease of our centre to N-Gage Alternative Provision. This partnership has not only provided a stable source of income but has also allowed us to contribute to the education and well-being of young people in our community.

Additionally, we demonstrated our commitment to supporting local schools by stepping in to host temporary classrooms for St Teresa Primary School while they underwent emergency roof repairs. This initiative allowed the school to continue providing education to its students without interruption and showcased our dedication to the community we serve.



Jonathan Dulston
Head of Charity Operations

Who uses our centre?

Since the centre was built in 2004, we have continued to attract projects, services and businesses that enhance our community. We are delighted that this year has been one of the most diverse for services we offer our members. Please see a full list of our clients.

Joanne Lowe Academy of Dance
Slimming World
Councillor Ward Surgeries
Darlington Borough Council – Activities Programme
Tool Library Service
N – Gage Learning Group
NHS - National Childminders
NHS – Cardiac Rehabilitation
National Blood Services (NHS)
Citizens Advice
The Bread & Butter Thing
Over 50's Group
Police PACT
Exercise classes.
Cockerton Pharmacy
Hyder Dental Practice
NHS Hearing Screening Clinics
DBC – Early Help Team
Locomotive Security

Community Association Projects...

Maidendale Nursery

In line with government legislation our nursery has been closed for a large proportion of this reporting period. We have however been able to support key worker families with continuing to provide services. We recognised early on during this pandemic that we had a responsibility more than ever before to step up and provide for our community. Our committed staff team remained professional and dedicated to the service we provided, often during periods of increased anxiety as the national and local Covid-19 rates were accelerating.

Despite the challenges we have faced as a charity by the national restrictions and lockdowns we have benefited financially by the government financial support packages. We have received several lockdown grants over the last year along with utilising the furlough scheme and more recently the flexible furlough scheme as we have stated to reopen.

The Nursery continues to be overseen by our head of children and young people who is supported by a deputy nursery manager and 3 Senior nursery practitioners. In addition to this we employ 20 childcare practitioners and at the time of writing this report we had 165 children enrolled within our nursery.

Community Café

Due to government legislation our café has had to close for a significant period over the last year. We have however remained open to produce hot meals to our nursery for the children who were attending under the key worker criteria. In addition to this, the café has also provided hot nutritious meals for 120 young peripli as part of Darlington Borough Council's Easer activities programme.

Whilst in lockdown we took the opportunity to refurbish and re paint the cafe kitchen. This investment has given the kitchen a fresh clean and professional feel which has been received well by staff and service users alike. In addition to this we have also made a number of investments in equipment by purchasing a new 2-barrel fryer, a new commercial range cooker and an industrial microwave. This investment is part of our plans to develop our menu and service in the coming year.

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Community Fun Days, Trips & Social Evenings and Firthmoor LIVE

Due to government legislation, we took the decision to suspend our activities programme until further notice however we continue to engage with our community via our social media platforms to understand and tease their appetite for future event. Whilst our trips programme will not start until summer 2024, we are already starting to make plans for Firthmoor LIVE 2024 which will be a 2-day event.

Online Presence & Digital Services

This technology enables our member to receive news, discounts, and information in real time via our database of member's numbers. We also use the service to set reminders for our Trustees' meetings and to send important message to employees. All you need to do is register your mobile phone number with the charity to receive updates.

Fundraising & Support Projects...

Firthmoor Food Bank

During the last year we have stepped up for our community and become a COVID-19 support hub where we have been able to help our residents with essential items. we supported over 600 residents with food parcels during the hight of the pandemic which provided over 1,000 meals.

In addition to food support, we were also able to support those who were clinically vulnerable and shielding. We collected prescriptions for people along with collecting shopping for those most clinically vulnerable. Firthmoor Food Bank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis. Our food bank is completely self-sustaining and relies on donations from individuals and groups. Our partnership working with groups such as our local Slimming World, local supermarkets and schools have supported the sustainability of this service.

Volunteer Programme

There is sound evidence that volunteering brings benefits to both the person volunteering and the people and organisations they support. We have developed a strong volunteer database this year. We have focused on supporting key activities within the charity whilst also supporting individuals to gain confidence and experience in those roles and we are pleased to report that our volunteer numbers are increasing steadily.

The Bread & Butter Thing

We are delighted that we have been able to work in partnership with the bread and butter thing over the last year by providing room hire along with a fantastic team of volunteers. This great project works with corporate food suppliers to save and redistribute food that would have gone to landfill. Residents who user the service receive approximately £35 work of shopping for £7.50. So far, the project has delivered 5,000 food parcels to families serving approximately 80 families per week. This has saved 24 tonnes of food from going to landfill and provided an astonishing 500,000 meals. For more information of the great work of this project please visit. www.breadandbutterthing.org.

Organisational Structure & Business Model

Organisational Report of the Association, for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

Firthmoor & District Community Association is a voluntary group, run by locai people who own and are responsible for maintaining Firthmoor Community Centre. The charity provides support and delivers essential community services for local people in Firthmoor - we are passionate about our community.

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes and aims for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community. We continue to develop new organisational structures, inspirational leadership and drive a new community culture. We aim to continually improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our charity.

Working closely with the Chairman, the Head of Charity Operations and Head of children 7 young people are responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the charity and individual supervision of employees. The Chief Officer also ensures that the employee team continues to develop skills and working standards in line with good practice and legislation.

Firthmoor & District Community Association has a strategic change initiative to create the best Community Centre in Darlington; an organisation capable of delivering community services at the grass roots.

We want everyone to be involved in maintaining a great community building in the smartest and most efficient way possible. Our community's expectations continue to grow and in order that we meet those challenges, changes and expectations, every element of our charity will need to adapt to ensure we are set up to succeed.

Investments

This year we have started a fantastic partnership with N-Gage which aims to support young people to be the best they can be. The boxing club runs on an evening along with competitions on a weekend. N-Gage also has an alternative education arm to its business which runs during the day.

Our Vision

The charity's vision is summarised as:

'To be widely recognised as the best community charity in Darlington,

where we create unique community experiences that our members,

residents and employees feel proud to be a part of'

Our Values

Accountability



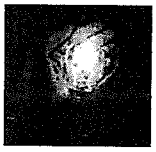
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Communication



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Innovation



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Efficiency



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Trusting



'believe it'

Our Strategic Priorities

The priorities that will help achieve the vision are:

- ✓ ***Inspiring our employees*** – developing a culture that engages our employees; promoting clear values and behaviours; creating systems and processes that keep our employees up to date, on board and part of our journey; ensuring consistency, fairness, and ownership.

- ✓ ***Making a difference to our community***– maintaining and enhancing our reputation as a great place to be; delivering high quality standards that deliver a unique and practical benefit to local people, businesses, and our members.

- ✓ ***Strengthening our leadership model*** – maintaining our current methods of governance; reviewing our impact and effectiveness in ensuring the stability of the administration; providing good governance and leadership by exercising effective controls; being open and accountable.

- ✓ ***Building a sustainable future*** – supporting our long-term future and our ability to improve our facilities, services, and effectiveness by optimising any income surplus by building and growing our business in order to better support our community in a socially responsible way

Delivering on our aims and objectives

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review focuses on the successes of each of the key activities of our charity and the benefits they have brought to the people we are here to support. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives in planning our future activities.

In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set and how they most benefit the community.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- ✓ Working in partnership with others to provide a range of services and activities for local people
- ✓ Building upon our service delivery to provide an excellent customer-focused environment for our users and members, who access the centre daily
- ✓ Ensuring an environment where people want to spend more of their social and recreational time, whilst providing healthy meals at affordable prices
- ✓ Working towards fully maintaining our self-sustaining community centre free from a further dependence on grant funding
- ✓ Promoting the advancement of education and health through the provision of an in-house nursery and dental practice

Recruitment, appointment, and induction of trustees

We regularly advertise for vacancies on the board through our website, Facebook page and via our community newsletter. We are also signed up to the local community voluntary service network.

Our new trustees are elected at the AGM for a one-year term and are eligible for re-election each year, with no term limit. Trustees elected at the AGM can reside in any area of Darlington. Those wishing to be co-opted on to the board during the year must be a resident of the council wards of Eastbourne and Lascelles.

There are four officer positions available for election at each AGM. Honorary Officers are elected and the positions are Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Applications for trusteeship must be received before the meeting and a twenty-one day general notice of this requirement is given.

All our new trustees will be familiarised with the practical work of the Charity and how the Community Centre is managed. The Chief Officer, in partnership with the secretary, is responsible for arranging induction sessions for new trustees, which involves issuing email accounts, ID Badges, explaining the structures of the Charity, its constitutional workings, and its current range of business activities. This includes a deep dive into the accounts and business plans. All trustees are required to sign the code of conduct and agree to our 'good governance' policy statement. Training is carried out as appropriate and, where necessary, guidance is updated or recommended.

How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community.

Who uses and benefits from our services

Firthmoor Community Centre provides services and activities that support people to reach their full potential. An important first step in providing the services that will benefit people's lives is in understanding the 'needs' that exist in the local community and how those 'needs' could best be met. From this starting point services and activities can then be established, alone or in partnership with our community. We are committed to ensuring our community improves and builds upon opportunities.

Principal Funding Sources

Aside from the income generated from groups who use the Community Centre as a base to provide social and recreational activities, the principal funding sources for the charity are now derived from our in-house childcare operations and room hire income.

Following constraints on local authority funding in Darlington, which led to all subsidies to Community Centres being cut to zero, the charity has to ensure all income to cover running costs is derived from business activities e.g. room/office hire charges, nursery places, café sales etc.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount of working capital, the charity has no funds to invest. If the charity had sufficient resources available Trustees would consider the options available, however, at this present time the Management Committee has decided to focus resources towards a continued cycle of repair and renewal of the building until such time as large surpluses can be accumulated for future planned investments.

Reserves & Risks Policy

In order to highlight any risks to the organisation, the Board of Trustees and Chief Officer continually examine the charity's cash flow and reserves through regular budget reviews and updates, led by the treasurer. The charity has established polices with regards to finance, employee relations and operational health and safety, which are reviewed annually by the secretary. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have also been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

In the past the charity used to be highly dependent on grant income, however, business income now forms all of the charity's resources, so emphasis on where the risks lie has changed. Greater attention is now being placed not just on how we conduct our business, but with an emphasis on developing a strong leadership team, with accountable and dynamic managers.

The charity's current reserves statement and operational direction is to maintain sufficient working capital and manage cash flow to meet any known commitments. In most cases, the charity's annual expenditure budgets are not executed until predicted income budgetary targets have been achieved. This approach has been adopted to ensure that there is a sufficient flow of cash to meet known commitments.

The charity has a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure.

procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients, and visitors to the centre.

As part of the annual budget approved each April, the charity treasurer, on behalf of the trustees, conducts a review of the approved budget each October. Where appropriate, amendments will be made to ensure that any risks are identified in all our operations.

Plans for Future Periods

This coming year will be about going back to basic and re shaping the way we deliver our services to the community. We hope to enhance our activities, trips and theatre across the centre. In addition to this we will relocate our reception are and make way for our new dedicated SEND unit which will increase the capacity of our nurse4ry provision.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRATEGIC REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07842311 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1144955

Registered office

Firthmoor Community Centre
Burnside Road
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL1 4SU

Trustees

Steven Tait
Susan Dulston
Kayleigh Jones (appointed 11th March 2024)
Susan Morley (appointed 11th March 2024)
Maureen Martin (appointed 11th March 2024)
Susan Bartle (appointed 11th March 2024)
Allison Clemminson (appointed 11th March 2024)
Jessica Connors (appointed 11th March 2024)
Lynsey Munro (resigned 11th March 2024)
Victoria Hamilton (resigned 1st August 2023)
Yvonne Richardson (resigned 11th March 2024)
Sandra Mellor (resigned 1st August 2023)
Sue Watson (resigned 1st August 2023)
Margaret Thompson (resigned 11th March 2024)

Company Secretary

Mrs K Jones

Independent Examiner

J P Walters & Co
Chartered Accountants
67 Duke Street
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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ..25-11-24.. and signed on the board's behalf by:

J.M Morley

Mrs S Morley - Secretary

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Firthmoor and District Community Association ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

JPWalters

J P Walters BSc BFP FCA
ICAEW
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Date: 26.11.2024

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	4,280	-	4,280	1,724
Charitable activities	4				
Nursery		466,499	-	466,499	404,213
Kitchen		71,866	-	71,866	77,947
General		35,221	106,903	142,124	4,838
Other trading activities	3	203,608	-	203,608	172,287
Total		781,474	106,903	888,377	661,009
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	31,632	-	31,632	40,619
Charitable activities	6				
Nursery		439,150	-	439,150	416,294
Kitchen		83,063	-	83,063	97,845
General		219,866	-	219,866	207,281
General Restricted		-	30,680	30,680	28,577
Total		773,711	30,680	804,391	790,616
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,763	76,223	83,986	(129,607)
Transfers between funds	16	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,763	76,223	83,986	(129,607)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		163,178	919,706	1,082,884	1,212,491
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		170,941	995,929	1,166,870	1,082,884

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	45,058	994,133	1,039,191	982,082
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-	-	-	-
Debtors		10,195	-	10,195	13,018
Cash at bank and in hand		120,741	1,796	122,537	90,184
		130,936	-	122,537	103,202
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(5,053)	-	(5,053)	(2,400)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		125,883	-	117,484	100,802
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		170,941	995,929	1,166,870	1,082,884
NET ASSETS		170,941	995,929	1,166,870	1,082,884
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				170,941	163,178
Restricted funds				995,929	919,706
TOTAL FUNDS				1,166,870	1,082,884

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25-11-2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Jessica Connors - Chair

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	137,460	(107,781)
Net cash provided by operating activities		137,460	(107,781)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(105,107)	(10,200)
Net cash used in investing activities		(105,107)	(10,200)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		32,353	(117,981)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	90,184	208,165
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	90,184	90,184

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	83,986	(129,607)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	47,955	36,544
Loss on disposal of assets	43	-
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	2,823	(13,018)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	2,653	(1,700)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) provided by operations	137,460	(107,781)

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	122,537	90,184
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	-	(-)
Total cash and cash equivalents	122,537	90,184

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	90,184	32,353	122,537
Total	90,184	32,353	122,537

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - 2% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	4,280	1,724

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Fundraising events	27,123	33,236
Rental income	176,485	138,469
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	-	582
	203,608	172,287

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.24	31.3.23
		£	£
Nursery fees	Nursery	193,338	156,160
Grants	Nursery	273,161	248,053
Café income	Kitchen	71,866	77,947
Miscellaneous	General	4,432	-
Grants	General	137,403	3,568
Photocopying/Tool hire	General	289	1,270
		680,489	486,998

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
DBC Special Educational Needs Grant	13,000	12,973
DBC Nursery Education Grant	129,648	124,000
DBC Early Years Grant	130,513	111,080
DBC Grant for Easter Activities	-	3,568
DBC Grants	25,500	-
NHS Grant	25,000	-
Football Foundation Grant	86,903	-
	410,564	251,621

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Purchases	31,632	40,619

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Nursery	421,900	-	17,250	439,150
Kitchen	83,063	-	-	83,063
General	164	-	219,702	219,686
General Restricted	-	-	30,680	30,680
	505,127	-	267,632	772,759

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Nursery	-	-

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Nursery	17,250	-	17,250
Kitchen	-	-	-
General	216,206	3,496	219,702
General Restricted	30,680	-	30,680
	264,136	3,496	267,632

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	47,955	36,544

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	429,784	427,974
Pension costs	5,531	2,806
	435,315	430,780

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
Full time	16	16
Part time	8	8
	24	24

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	1,724	-	1,724
Charitable activities			
Nursery	404,213	-	404,213
Kitchen	77,947	-	77,947
General	4,838	-	4,838
Other trading activities	172,287	-	172,287
Total	661,009	-	661,009

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	40,619	-	40,619
Charitable activities			
Nursery	416,294	-	416,294
Kitchen	97,845	-	97,845
General	207,281	-	207,281
General Restricted	-	28,577	28,577
Total	762,039	28,577	790,616
NET EXPENDITURE	(101,130)	(28,577)	129,607)
Transfers between funds	(-)	-	-
Net movement in funds	(101,130)	(28,577)	129,607
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	264,208	948,283	1,212,491
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	163,178	919,706	1,082,884

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	1,428,870	142,516	1,571,386
Additions	105,107	-	105,107
Disposals	-	(36,866)	(36,866)
At 31 March 2024	1,533,977	105,650	1,639,627
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	509,164	80,140	589,304
Charge for year	30,680	17,275	47,955
Eliminated on disposal	-	(36,823)	(36,823)
At 31 March 2024	539,844	60,592	600,436
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	994,133	45,058	1,039,191
At 31 March 2023	919,706	62,376	982,082

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	-	-
Social security and other taxes	-	-
Accrued expenses	5,053	2,400
	5,053	2,400

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	-

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	121,466	(8,389)	(12,000)	101,077
Nursery	54,006	27,349	-	81,355
Kitchen	(12,294)	(11,197)	12,000	(11,491)
	163,178	7,763	(-)	170,941
Restricted funds				
General	919,706	76,223	-	995,929
TOTAL FUNDS	1,082,884	83,986	-	1,166,870

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	243,109	(251,498)	(8,389)
Nursery	466,499	(439,150)	27,349
Kitchen	71,866	(83,063)	(11,197)
	783,270	(773,711)	7,763
Restricted funds			
General	105,107	(30,680)	76,223
TOTAL FUNDS	888,377	(804,391)	83,986

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,517	(69,051)	(-)	121,466
Nursery	66,087	(12,081)	-	54,006
Kitchen	7,604	(19,898)	-	(12,294)
	264,208	(101,030)	(-)	163,178
Restricted funds				
General	948,283	(28,577)	-	919,706
TOTAL FUNDS	1,212,491	(129,607)	-	1,082,884

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,849	(247,900)	(69,051)
Nursery	404,213	(416,294)	(12,081)
Kitchen	77,947	(97,845)	(19,898)
	661,009	(762,039)	(101,030)
Restricted funds			
General	-	(28,577)	(28,577)
TOTAL FUNDS	661,009	(790,616)	(129,607)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,517	(77,440)	(12,000)	101,077
Nursery	66,087	15,268	-	81,355
Kitchen	7,604	(31,095)	12,000	(11,491)
	264,208	(93,267)	(-)	170,941
Restricted funds				
General	948,283	47,646	-	995,929
TOTAL FUNDS	1,212,491	(45,621)	-	1,166,870

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	528,861	(509,550)	19,311
Nursery	870,712	(855,444)	15,268
Kitchen	149,813	(180,908)	(31,095)
	1,549,386	(1,545,902)	3,484
Restricted funds			
General	(-)	(59,257)	(59,257)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,549,386	(1,605,159)	(55,773)

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,280	1,724
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	27,123	33,236
Rental income	176,485	138,469
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	-	582
	203,608	172,287
Charitable activities		
Nursery fees	193,338	156,160
Cafe income	71,866	77,947
Grants	410,564	251,621
Photocopying/Tool hire	289	1,270
Miscellaneous income	4,432	-
	680,489	486,998
Total incoming resources	888,377	661,009
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cost of trips and fund raising	31,632	40,619
Charitable activities		
Wages	339,720	328,487
Pensions	-	-
Sundries	2,614	-
Consumables	81,436	73,792
Nursery meals	25,246	21,460
Core overhead contribution	55,183	66,583
Cleaning	764	252
Donations	164	-
	505,127	490,574
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	90,064	99,487
Pensions	5,531	2,806
Staff training	714	170
Rates and water	3,588	5,420
Insurance	4,383	4,036
Light and heat	45,880	30,943
Carried forward	150,160	142,862

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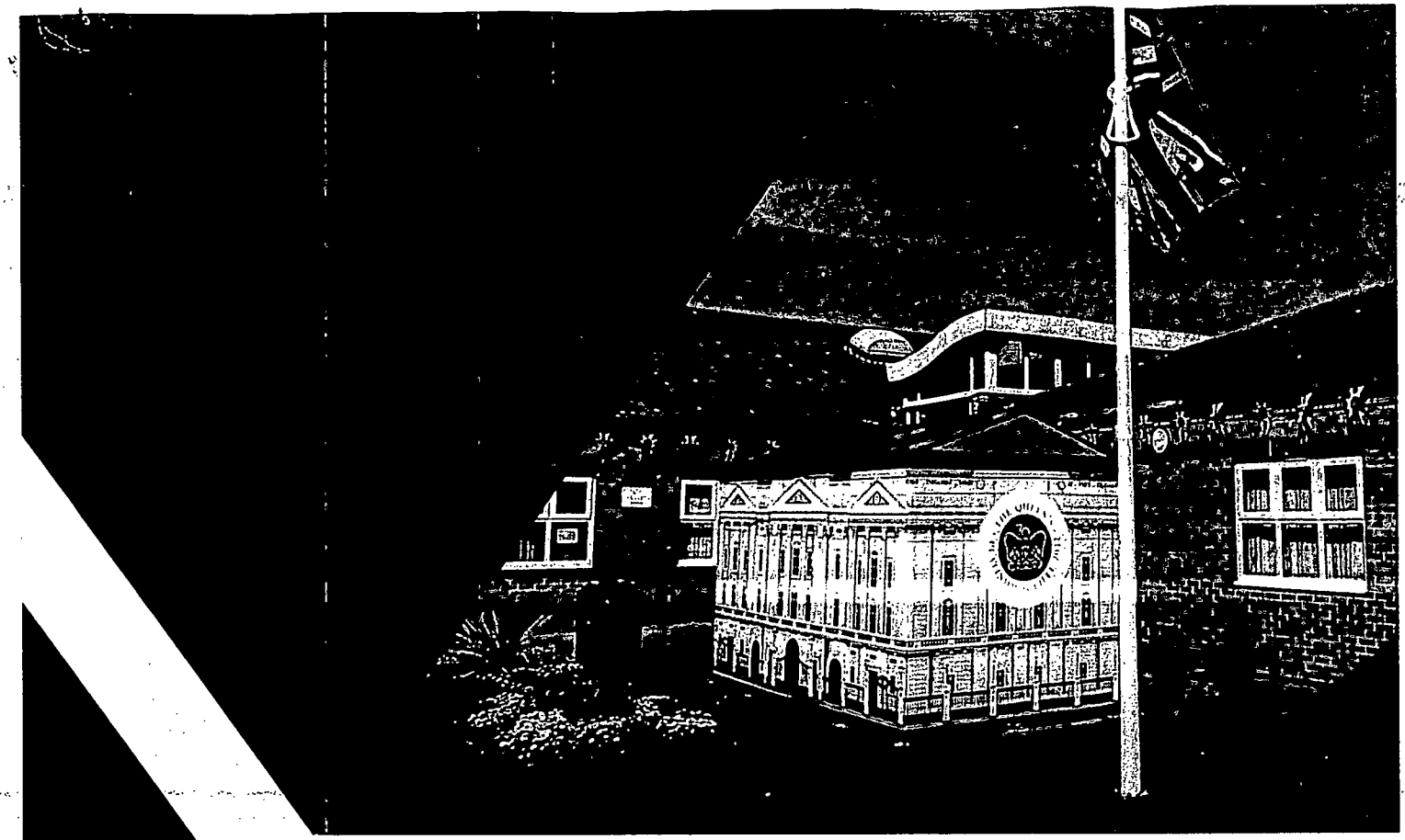
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Management		
Brought forward	150,160	142,862
Bank charges	1,917	1,094
Telephone	4,861	7,602
Office supplies	2,356	4,520
Advertising	241	-
Sundries	12,753	11,594
Maintenance contracts	10,941	11,916
Licences and subscriptions	24,184	17,812
Cleaning	5,675	3,222
Employment engagement	-	143
Volunteer expenses	-	65
Repairs and renewals	3,050	19,351
Loss on disposal of assets	43	-
Depreciation of property	30,680	28,577
Depreciation of fixtures	17,179	7,909
Depreciation of computer equipment	96	58
	264,136	256,725
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,653	2,653
Legal fees	843	45
	3,496	2,698
Total resources expended	804,391	790,616
Net income/(expenditure)	83,986	(129,607)

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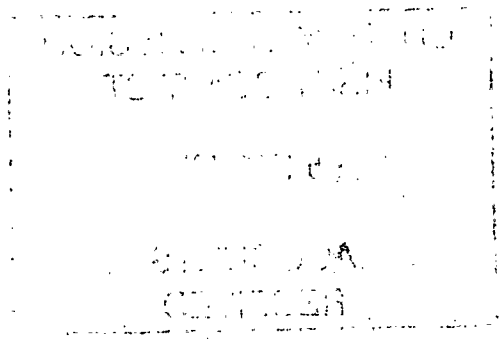
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Charity objects...

An extract from our Articles of Association

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Firthmoor and Lascelles Park and the Neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other options, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of these objects

The area in which we operate general overview:

Firthmoor Community Centre is located in Eastbourne Ward in the southeast of Darlington, the majority of which is comprised of the Firthmoor Estate. Eastbourne is ranked 664th (worst 8% nationally) in the Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation (estimated using combined LSOA scores).

The area has a population of 5,780 residents in 2,660 households. 22.4% of the population is aged under 16 with 19.3% over the age of retirement, compared with 19.5% and 18.6% nationally. The proportion of the population from ethnic minorities is 2.2% compared with 2.1% in Darlington and 8.7% in England in Wales.

The unemployment rate in Eastbourne is 5.2%, the fourth highest in Darlington compared to the overall Darlington figure of 4%. Youth unemployment in Eastbourne is the fourth worst in Darlington, with 38.8% of unemployed people aged between 18-24.

25.6% of the working age population receive key benefits, with 28.5% of children living in low-income households, the eleventh worst in Darlington. Eastbourne has the second highest proportion of single parent households in Darlington at 5.1%. Eastbourne also has the biggest problem with dental health among children, with an average of 3.5% decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft). The ward also has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in the town.

Educational attainment is low, with results at Key Stage 2 being the worst in Darlington, along with the lowest level of adults in further education (4.6%). Only 5% of people aged 18 to 20 progress to university.

Eastbourne has levels of car ownership that are significantly lower than the national rate, with 42.0% of households not owning a car, compared to 26.8% nationally. House prices have stagnated, and the average price of a property in Eastbourne is £104,300, which is ranked as joint eighth in Darlington (along with Park East). A third of houses in Eastbourne are rented from social landlords.

The report...

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's articles, the Charity's Act 1993 and the statement of recommended practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.



Susan Dulston
Acting Chairman

The year 2022/2023 brought both hope and hardship for Firthmoor Community Centre. While the shadows of the pandemic began to recede, new challenges surfaced like unexpected waves. Rising inflation, the implementation of the National Living Wage, and skyrocketing energy costs created a perfect storm, impacting us significantly.

The post-pandemic recovery presented its own set of hurdles. Rebuilding a sense of normalcy and community spirit required creativity and adaptation. We witnessed anxieties linger, access to resources fluctuate, and the need for support remain ever-present. Despite these challenges, our team remained steadfast, diligently seeking innovative solutions and forging even stronger partnerships to ensure our services remained accessible and impactful.

However, the economic landscape proved particularly treacherous. Soaring inflation squeezed our budget, forcing us to carefully re-evaluate operational costs and resource allocation. Implementing the National Living Wage, while a positive step for our staff, further strained our finances. Yet, we remained committed to offering fair compensation and a nurturing work environment, recognizing the dedication and expertise of our team as the bedrock of our success.

The true gut punch came in the form of spiralling energy costs. Heating, lighting, and running our facilities became significantly more expensive, threatening our ability to maintain regular opening hours and program offerings. We explored alternative solutions, negotiated with suppliers, and implemented energy-saving measures, but the burden remained substantial.

Despite these challenges, Firthmoor Community Centre navigated these choppy waters with resilience and resourcefulness. We remain deeply grateful to our dedicated team, unwavering donors, and supportive community members who stood by us during these testing times. Through their collaboration and generosity, we were able to weather the storm and continue offering vital services to those in need.

Looking ahead, we recognise the road to financial stability will require continued vigilance and innovative thinking. However, we remain undeterred, committed to our mission of building a stronger, more vibrant community. We are confident that with the continued support of our community, Firthmoor Community Centre will emerge from this period even stronger, ready to empower and connect our residents for years to come.

Susan Dulston

Susan Dulston
Acting Chairman



Rachael Lowes

Head of Children & Young People

2022/2023 proved to be a year of resilience and renewal for Firthmoor Community Centre. While the impacts of the pandemic continued to be felt, our dedicated team and supportive community rallied together to navigate uncharted territory. Despite ongoing challenges, we remained steadfast in our commitment to serve the residents of Firthmoor, adapting our services and programs to meet evolving needs.

Recognising the vital role our community centre plays in fostering connection and belonging, we've made a significant investment in its revitalisation. This year, we transformed the centre's appearance to align with our refreshed brand identity, creating a vibrant and welcoming space that reflects our modern vision. Gone are the outdated interiors; instead, fresh paint, modern furnishings, and updated design elements now infuse the centre with energy and warmth. This isn't just an aesthetic change; it's a physical manifestation of our commitment to providing a space that empowers, excites, and inspires our community. We believe this investment will not only enhance the user experience but also attract new members and further strengthen the centre's role as a central hub for connection and growth.

In a proactive move to tackle local crime and provide positive alternatives for young people, we're thrilled to announce a new partnership with N-Gage Boxing Club. N-Gage isn't just about throwing punches; their mission aligns perfectly with ours, aiming to empower youth through the discipline and focus of boxing, channelling energy into healthier pursuits and fostering a sense of belonging. Through this collaboration, we'll offer free or subsidised memberships to deserving young people, granting them access to expert coaching, fitness training, and mentorship within a supportive environment. This exciting initiative goes beyond the ropes, promoting self-confidence, teamwork, and resilience – essential tools for navigating life's challenges and ultimately contributing positively to our community. Together with N-Gage, we believe this powerful partnership can deliver a knockout blow to crime while inspiring young people to reach their full potential.

Rachael Lowes

Rachael Lowes
Head of Children & Young People

Community Centre User Groups

Following government legislation our community centre had to close and all groups postponed their contacts with us. During the pandemic we have had regular contact with these groups to understand how we were able to help them during the pandemic and as we bounce back to some sort of normality. We are pleased to report that most of the service users and groups have benefited from government, local government, and charity support. When writing this report, the below groups were still actively seeking to return once the national restrictions are eased.

- **Joanne Lowe Academy of Dance**
- **Slimming World**
- **Councillor Ward Surgeries**
- **Darlington Borough Council – Activities Programme**
- **Tool Library Service**
- **N – Gage Learning Group**
- **NHS - National Childminders**
- **NHS – Cardiac Rehabilitation**
- **National Blood Services (NHS)**
- **Citizens Advice**
- **The Bread & Butter Thing**
- **Over 50's Group**
- **Police PACT**
- **Exercise classes.**
- **Covid-19 Community Testing**
- **Burgess & Hyder Dental Practice**
- **NHS Hearing Screening Clinics**
- **DBC – Early Help Team**

During the last year the community centre has remained partially open to support Burgess & Hyder dental practice with emergency care through the 111 NHS direct service. Working in partnership with the management team we were able to support them to deliver this service of which there were only 2 operating throughout county Durham.

Community Association Projects

Maidendale Nursery

In line with government legislation our nursery has been closed for a large proportion of this reporting period. We have however been able to support key worker families with continuing to provide services. We recognised early on during this pandemic that we had a responsibility more than ever before to step up and provide for our community. Our committed staff team remained professional and dedicated to the service we provided, often during periods of increased anxiety as the national and local Covid-19 rates were accelerating.

Despite the challenges we have faced as a charity by the national restrictions and lockdowns we have benefited financially by the government financial support packages. We have received several lockdown grants over the last year along with utilising the furlough scheme and more recently the flexible furlough scheme as we have stated to reopen.

The Nursery continues to be overseen by our head of children and young people who is supported by a deputy nursery manager and 3 Senior nursery practitioners. In addition to this we employ 20 childcare practitioners and at the time of writing this report we had 165 children enrolled within our nursery.

Community Café

Due to government legislation our café has had to close for a significant period over the last year. We have however remained open to produce hot meals to our nursery for the children who were attending under the key worker criteria. In addition to this, the café has also provided hot nutritious meals for 120 young peripli as part of Darlington Borough Council's Easer activities programme.

Whilst in lockdown we took the opportunity to refurbish and re paint the cafe kitchen. This investment has given the kitchen a fresh clean and professional feel which has been received well by staff and service users alike. In addition to this we have also made a number of investments in equipment by purchasing a new 2-barrel fryer, a new commercial range cooker and an industrial microwave. This investment is part of our plans to develop our menu and service in the coming year.

Despite the challenges we have face as a charity by the national restrictions and lockdowns we have benefited financially by the government financing support packages. We have received several lockdown grants over the last year along with utilising the furlough scheme and more recently the flexible furlough scheme as we have stated to reopen.

Community Events, Trips & Social Events and Firthmoor LIVE

Due to government legislation, we took the decision to suspend our activities programme until further notice however we continue to engage with our community via our social media platforms to understand and tease their appetite for future event. Whilst our trips programme will not start until summer 2024, we are already starting to make plans for Firthmoor LIVE 2024 which will be a 2-day event.

Online Presence & Digital Services

This technology enables our member to receive news, discounts, and information in real time via our database of member's numbers. We also use the service to set reminders for our Trustees' meetings and to send important message to employees. All you need to do is register your mobile phone number with the charity to receive updates.

The charity also runs a 'Facebook page, with over 4,600 'likes' to the page, which is an effective means of engagement with large numbers of people. Often, we can reach over 10K people with a post update so social media is a key part of our engagement with the community and members. You can also follow us on Twitter searching for the user name @Firthmoor or visit our website www.firthmoor.co.uk

Fundraising & Support Projects...

Firthmoor Food Bank

During the last year we have stepped up for our community and become a COVID-19 support hub where we have been able to help our residents with essential items. we supported over 600 residents with food parcels during the hight of the pandemic which provided over 1,000 meals.

In addition to food support, we were also able to support those who were clinically vulnerable and shielding. We collected prescriptions for people along with collecting shopping for those most clinically vulnerable. Firthmoor Food Bank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis. Our food bank is completely self-sustaining and relies on donations from individuals and groups. Our partnership working with groups such as our local Slimming World, local supermarkets and schools have supported the sustainability of this service.

Volunteer Programme

There is sound evidence that volunteering brings benefits to both the person volunteering and the people and organisations they support. We have developed a strong volunteer database this year. We have focused on supporting key activities within the charity whilst also supporting individuals to gain confidence and experience in those roles and we are pleased to report that our volunteer numbers are increasing steadily.

The Bread & Butter Thing

We are delighted that we have been able to work in partnership with the bread and butter thing over the last year by providing room hire along with a fantastic team of volunteers. This great project works with corporate food suppliers to save and redistribute food that would have gone to landfill. Residents who user the service receive approximately £35 work of shopping for £7.50. So far, the project has delivered 5,000 food parcels to families serving approximately 80 families per week. This has saved 24 tonnes of food from going to landfill and provided an astonishing 500,000 meals. For more information of the great work of this project please visit. www.breadandbutterthing.org.

Organisational Structure & Business Model

Organisational Report of the Association, for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

Firthmoor & District Community Association is a voluntary group, run by local people who own and are responsible for maintaining Firthmoor Community Centre. The charity provides support and delivers essential community services for local people in Firthmoor - we are passionate about our community.

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes and aims for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community. We continue to develop new organisational structures, inspirational leadership and drive a new community culture. We aim to continually improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our charity.

Working closely with the Chairman, the Head of Charity Operations and Head of children 7 young people are responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the charity and individual supervision of employees. The Chief Officer also ensures that the employee team continues to develop skills and working standards in line with good practice and legislation.

Firthmoor & District Community Association has a strategic change initiative to create the best Community Centre in Darlington; an organisation capable of delivering community services at the grass roots.

We want everyone to be involved in maintaining a great community building in the smartest and most efficient way possible. Our community's expectations continue to grow and in order that we meet those challenges, changes and expectations, every element of our charity will need to adapt to ensure we are set up to succeed.

Investments

This year we have started a fantastic partnership with N-Gage which aims to support young people to be the best they can be. The boxing club runs on an evening along with competitions on a weekend. N-Gage also has an alternative education arm to its business which runs during the day.

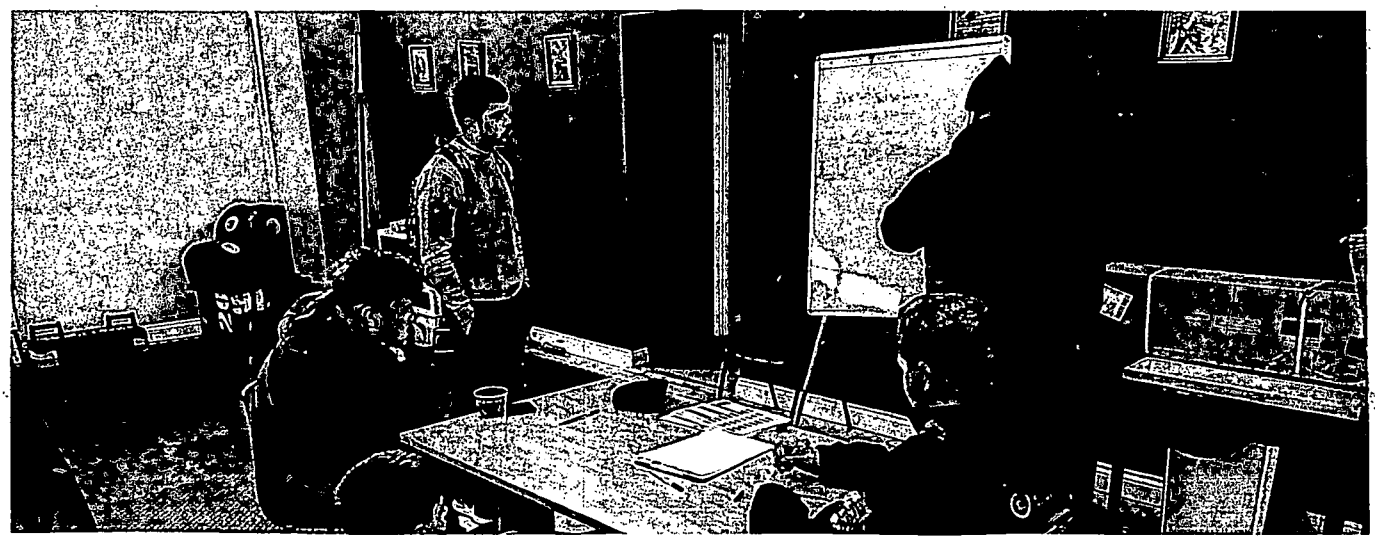
N-Gage at Firthmoor

Our





Vision



The charity's vision is summarised as:

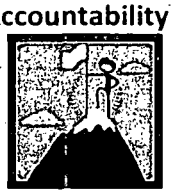
'To be widely recognised as the best community charity in Darlington, where we create unique community experiences that our members, residents and employees feel proud to be a part of'

Our Strategic Priorities

The priorities that will help achieve the vision are:

- ✓ ***Inspiring our employees*** – developing a culture that engages our employees; promoting clear values and behaviours; creating systems and processes that keep our employees up to date, on board and part of our journey; ensuring consistency, fairness, and ownership.
- ✓ ***Making a difference to our community*** – maintaining and enhancing our reputation as a great place to be; delivering high quality standards that deliver a unique and practical benefit to local people, businesses, and our members.
- ✓ ***Strengthening our leadership model*** – maintaining our current methods of governance; reviewing our impact and effectiveness in ensuring the stability of the administration; providing good governance and leadership by exercising effective controls; being open and accountable.
- ✓ ***Building a sustainable future*** – supporting our long-term future and our ability to improve our facilities, services, and effectiveness by optimising any income surplus by building and growing our business in order to better support our community in a socially responsible way

Our Values

Accountability  *'own it'*

Communication  *'discuss it'*

Innovation  *'create it'*

Efficiency  *'do It'*

Trusting  *'believe it'*

Delivering on our aims and objectives

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review focuses on the successes of each of the key activities of our charity and the benefits they have brought to the people we are here to support. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives in planning our future activities.
In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set and how they most benefit the community.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- ✓ Working in partnership with others to provide a range of services and activities for local people
- ✓ Building upon our service delivery to provide an excellent customer-focused environment for our users and members, who access the centre daily
- ✓ Ensuring an environment where people want to spend more of their social and recreational time, whilst providing healthy meals at affordable prices
- ✓ Working towards fully maintaining our self-sustaining community centre free from a further dependence on grant funding
- ✓ Promoting the advancement of education and health through the provision of an in-house nursery and dental practice

Recruitment, appointment and induction of trustees

We regularly advertise for vacancies on the board through our website, Facebook page and via our community newsletter. We are also signed up to the local community voluntary service network.

Our new trustees are elected at the AGM for a one-year term and are eligible for re-election each year, with no term limit. Trustees elected at the AGM can reside in any area of Darlington. Those wishing to be co-opted on to the board during the year must be a resident of the council wards of Eastbourne and Lascelles.

There are four officer positions available for election at each AGM. Honorary Officers are elected and the positions are Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Applications for trusteeship must be received before the meeting and a twenty-one day general notice of this requirement is given.

All our new trustees will be familiarised with the practical work of the Charity and how the Community Centre is managed. The Chief Officer, in partnership with the secretary, is responsible for arranging induction sessions for new trustees, which involves issuing email accounts, ID Badges, explaining the structures of the Charity, its constitutional workings, and its current range of business activities. This includes a deep dive into the accounts and business plans. All trustees are required to sign the code of conduct and agree to our 'good governance' policy statement. Training is carried out as appropriate and, where necessary, guidance is updated or recommended.

How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community.

Who uses and benefits from our services

Firthmoor Community Centre provides services and activities that support people to reach their full potential. An important first step in providing the services that will benefit people's lives is in understanding the 'needs' that exist in the local community and how those 'needs' could best be met. From this starting point services and activities can then be established, alone or in partnership with our community. We are committed to ensuring our community improves and builds upon opportunities.

Principal Funding Sources

Aside from the income generated from groups who use the Community Centre as a base to provide social and recreational activities, the principal funding sources for the charity are now derived from our in-house childcare operations and room hire income.

Following constraints on local authority funding in Darlington, which led to all subsidies to Community Centres being cut to zero, the charity has to ensure all income to cover running costs is derived from business activities e.g. room/office hire charges, nursery places, café sales etc.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount of working capital, the charity has no funds to invest. If the charity had sufficient resources available Trustees would consider the options available, however, at this present time the Management Committee has decided to focus resources towards a continued cycle of repair and renewal of the building until such time as large surpluses can be accumulated for future planned investments.

Reserves & Risks Policy

In order to highlight any risks to the organisation, the Board of Trustees and Chief Officer continually examine the charity's cash flow and reserves through regular budget reviews and updates, led by the treasurer. The charity has established polices with regards to finance, employee relations and operational health and safety, which are reviewed annually by the secretary. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have also been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

In the past the charity used to be highly dependent on grant income, however, business income now forms all of the charity's resources, so emphasis on where the risks lie has changed. Greater attention is now being placed not just on how we conduct our business, but with an emphasis on developing a strong leadership team, with accountable and dynamic managers.

The charity's current reserves statement and operational direction is to maintain sufficient working capital and manage cash flow to meet any known commitments. In most cases, the charity's annual expenditure budgets are not executed until predicted income budgetary targets have been achieved. This approach has been adopted to ensure that there is a sufficient flow of cash to meet known commitments.

The charity has a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure.

Procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients, and visitors to the centre.

As part of the annual budget approved each April, the charity treasurer, on behalf of the trustees, conducts a review of the approved budget each October. Where appropriate, amendments will be made to ensure that any risks are identified in all our operations.

Plans for Future Periods

In the forthcoming year, the charity plans to continue providing the wide range of services and activities outlined above and throughout this document and will encourage and support more groups and local people to take advantage of the excellent facilities the charity has to offer.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on **Monday 26 February 2024** and signed on its behalf by Mrs Susan Dulston



Susan Dulston
Deputy Chairman

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Firthmoor and District Community Association

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRATEGIC REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ..27/12/24..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

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Mrs K Jones - Secretary

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Firthmoor and District Community
Association

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Firthmoor and District Community Association ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J P Walters BSc BFP FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 27. 2. 2024

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Firthmoor and District Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	1,724	-	1,724	28,538
Charitable activities	4				
Nursery		404,213	-	404,213	426,785
Kitchen		77,947	-	77,947	49,560
General		4,838	-	4,838	59,311
Other trading activities	3	172,287	-	172,287	142,448
Total		661,009	-	661,009	706,642
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	40,619	-	40,619	4,700
Charitable activities	6				
Nursery		416,294	-	416,294	414,365
Kitchen		97,845	-	97,845	63,278
General		207,281	-	207,281	168,782
General Restricted		-	28,577	28,577	28,577
Total		762,039	28,577	790,616	679,702
NET (EXPENDITURE)		(101,130)	(28,577)	(129,607)	26,940
Transfers between funds	16	(-)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(101,130)	(28,577)	(129,607)	26,940
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		264,208	948,283	1,212,491	1,118,551
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		163,178	919,706	1,082,884	1,212,491

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	62,376	919,706	982,082	1,008,426
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-	-	-	-
Debtors		13,018	-	13,018	-
Cash at bank and in hand		90,184	-	90,184	208,165
		103,202	-	103,202	208,165
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	16	(2,400)	-	(2,400)	(4,100)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		100,802	-	100,802	204,605
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		163,178	919,706	1,082,884	1,212,491
NET ASSETS		163,178	919,706	1,082,884	1,212,491
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				163,178	264,208
Restricted funds				919,706	948,283
TOTAL FUNDS				1,082,884	1,212,491

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27/2/24 and were signed on its behalf by:

SDulston

Sue Dulston - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Firthmoor and District Community Association

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(107,781)	65,696
Net cash provided by operating activities		(107,781)	65,696
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(10,200)	(85,343)
Net cash used in investing activities		(10,200)	(85,343)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(117,981)	19,647
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	208,165	227,812
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	90,184	208,165

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(129,607)	26,940
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	36,544	40,468
Increase in debtors	(13,018)	-
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,700)	(1,712)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow provided by operations	(107,781)	65,696

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	90,184	208,165
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	-	(-)
Total cash and cash equivalents	90,184	208,165

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	208,165	(-)	208,165
Total	208,165	(-)	208,165

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	2% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	1,724	28,538

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	33,236	5,891
Rental income	138,469	135,579
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	582	978
	172,287	142,448

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Nursery fees	Nursery	156,160	128,860
Grants	Nursery	248,053	297,925
Café income	Kitchen	77,947	41,560
Grants	Kitchen	-	8,000
Grants	General	3,568	58,406
Photocopying/Tool hire	General	1,270	905
		486,998	535,656

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
DBC Special Educational Needs Grant	12,973	8,175
DBC Nursery Education Grant	124,000	154,094
DBC Early Years Grant	111,080	135,656
DBC Grant for Easter Activities	3,568	-
DBC Re-Start Grants	-	30,000
Job Retention Scheme Grants	-	28,406
Small Business Rates Relief Grant	-	-
DBC Closure Grant	-	8,000
	251,621	364,331

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Purchases	40,619	4,700

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Nursery	393,703	-	22,421	416,124
Kitchen	96,871	-	974	97,845
General	-	-	207,451	207,451
General Restricted	-	-	28,577	28,577
	490,574	-	259,423	749,997

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Nursery	-	-

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Nursery	22,421	-	22,421
Kitchen	974	-	974
General	204,753	2,698	207,451
General Restricted	28,577	-	28,577
	256,725	2,698	259,423

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.20	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	36,544	40,468

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	427,974	414,463
Pension costs	2,806	7,044
	430,780	421,207

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Full time	16	16
Part time	8	8
	24	24

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	28,538	-	28,538
Charitable activities			
Nursery	426,785	-	426,785
Kitchen	49,560	-	49,560
General	59,311	-	59,311
Other trading activities	142,448	-	142,448
Total	706,642	-	706,642

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	4,700	-	4,700
Charitable activities			
Nursery	414,365	-	414,365
Kitchen	63,278	-	63,278
General	168,782	-	168,782
General Restricted	-	28,577	28,577
Total	651,125	28,577	679,702
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	55,517	(28,577)	26,940
Transfers between funds	(47,542)	47,542	-
Net movement in funds	7,975	18,965	26,940
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	256,233	929,318	1,185,551
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	264,208	948,283	1,212,491

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	1,428,870	132316	1,561,186
Additions	-	10,200	10,200
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	1,428,870	142,516	1,571,386
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	480,587	72,173	552,760
Charge for year	28,577	7,967	36,544
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	509,164	80,140	589,304
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	919,706	62,376	982,082
At 31 March 2022	948,283	60,143	1,008,426

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	-	-
Social security and other taxes	-	-
Accrued expenses	2,400	4,100
	2,400	4,100

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	-

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	190,517	(69,051)	(-)	121,466
Nursery	66,087	(12,081)	-	54,006
Kitchen	7,604	(19,898)	-	(12,294)
	264,208	(101,030)	(-)	163,178
Restricted funds				
General	948,283	(28,577)	-	919,706
TOTAL FUNDS	1,212,491	(129,607)	-	1,082,884

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	178,849	(247,900)	(69,051)
Nursery	404,213	(416,294)	(12,081)
Kitchen	77,947	(97,845)	(19,898)
	661,009	(762,039)	(101,030)
Restricted funds			
General	-	(28,577)	(28,577)
TOTAL FUNDS	661,009	(790,616)	(129,607)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	191,326	56,815	(57,624)	190,517
Nursery	53,667	12,420	-	66,087
Kitchen	11,240	(13,718)	10,082	7,604
	256,233	55,517	(47,542)	264,208
Restricted funds				
General	929,318	(28,577)	47,542	948,283
TOTAL FUNDS	1,185,551	26,940	-	1,212,491

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	230,297	(173,482)	56,815
Nursery	426,785	(414,365)	12,420
Kitchen	49,560	(63,278)	(13,718)
	706,642	(651,125)	55,517
Restricted funds			
General	-	(28,577)	(28,577)
TOTAL FUNDS	706,642	(679,702)	26,940

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	191,326	(12,236)	(57,624)	121,376
Nursery	53,667	339	-	53,706
Kitchen	11,240	(33,616)	10,082	(12,294)
	256,233	(45,513)	(47,542)	163,178
Restricted funds				
General	929,318	(57,154)	47,542	919,706
TOTAL FUNDS	1,185,551	(102,667)	-	1,082,884

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	409,146	(421,382)	(12,236)
Nursery	830,998	(830,659)	339
Kitchen	127,507	(161,123)	(33,616)
	1,367,651	(1,413,164)	(45,513)
Restricted funds			
General	(-)	(57,154)	(57,154)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,367,651	(1,470,318))	102,667

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,724	28,538
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	33,236	5,891
Rental income	138,469	135,579
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	582	978
	172,287	142,448
Charitable activities		
Nursery fees	156,160	128,860
Cafe income	77,947	41,560
Grants	251,621	364,331
Photocopying/Tool hire	1,270	908
Miscellaneous income	-	-
	486,998	535,656
Total incoming resources	661,009	706,642
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cost of trips and fund raising	40,619	4,700
Charitable activities		
Wages	328,487	329,817
Pensions	-	-
Sundries	-	-
Consumables	73,792	57,652
Nursery meals	21,460	11,206
Core overhead contribution	66,583	54,618
Cleaning	252	2,210
Donations	-	982
	490,574	456,485
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	99,487	84,346
Pensions	2,806	7,044
Staff training	170	881
Rates and water	5,420	1,201
Insurance	4,036	8,009
Light and heat	30,943	17,377
Carried forward	142,862	118,858

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Management		
Brought forward	142,862	118,858
Bank charges	1,094	675
Telephone	7,602	2,204
Office supplies	4,520	23,376
Advertising	-	232
Sundries	11,594	-
Maintenance contracts	11,916	6,175
Licences and subscriptions	17,812	5,330
Cleaning	3,222	729
Employment engagement	143	16
Volunteer expenses	65	-
Repairs and renewals	19,351	17,970
Depreciation of property	28,577	28,577
Depreciation of fixtures	7,909	11,805
Depreciation of computer equipment	58	86
	256,725	216,033
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,653	2,484
Legal fees	45	-
	2,698	2,484
Total resources expended	790,616	679,702
Net income/(expenditure)	(129,607)	26,940

FIRTHMOOR AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1144955

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07842311 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1144955

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

Firthmoor and District Community Association

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Firthmoor and District Community Association

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Firthmoor and District Community
Association

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRATEGIC REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07842311 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1144955

Registered office

Firthmoor Community Centre
Burnside Road
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL1 4SU

Trustees

Steven Tait
Susan Dulston
Lynsey Munro
Victoria Hamilton
Yvonne Richardson (appointed 28.07.21)
Sandra Mellor (appointed 28.07.21)
Sue Watson (appointed 28.07.21)
Kayleigh Tait (appointed 28.07.21)
Gillian Garbutt (appointed 28.07.21)
Margaret Thompson (appointed 28.07.21)

Company Secretary

Mrs K Tait

Independent Examiner

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Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

.....
Mrs K Tait - Secretary

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Date: .....

Firthmoor and District Community Association

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	28,538	-	28,538	500
Charitable activities	4				
Nursery		426,785	-	426,785	350,391
Kitchen		49,560	-	49,560	25,714
General		59,311	-	59,311	93,671
Other trading activities	3	142,448	-	142,448	102,471
Total		706,642	-	706,642	572,747
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	4,700	-	4,700	-
Charitable activities	6				
Nursery		414,365	-	414,365	321,617
Kitchen		63,278	-	63,278	35,606
General		168,782	-	168,782	119,244
General Restricted		-	28,577	28,577	28,803
Total		651,125	28,577	679,702	505,270
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		55,517	(28,577)	26,940	67,477
Transfers between funds	16	(47,542)	47,542	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,975	18,965	26,940	(15,034)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		256,233	929,318	1,185,551	1,118,074
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		264,208	948,283	1,212,491	1,185,551

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	60,143	948,283	1,008,426	963,551
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		208,165	-	208,165	227,812
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(4,100)	-	(4,100)	(5,812)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		204,065	-	204,065	222,000
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		264,208	948,283	1,212,491	1,185,551
NET ASSETS		264,208	948,283	1,212,491	1,185,551
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				264,208	256,233
Restricted funds				948,283	929,318
TOTAL FUNDS				1,212,491	1,185,551

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Steven Tait - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Firthmoor and District Community Association

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	65,696	99,361
Net cash provided by operating activities		65,696	99,361
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(85,343)	(31,585)
Net cash used in investing activities		(85,343)	(31,585)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		19,647	67,776
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	227,812	160,036
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	208,165	227,812

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	26,940	67,477
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	40,468	35,568
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(1,712)	(3,684)
Net cash provided by operations	65,696	99,361

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	208,165	227,812
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	-	(-)
Total cash and cash equivalents	208,165	227,812

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank	227,812	(19,647)	208,165
Total	227,812	(19,647)	208,165

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - 2% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations	28,538	500

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Fundraising events	5,891	4
Rental income	135,579	102,467
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	978	-
	142,448	101,471

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.3.22	31.3.21
	Activity	£	£
Nursery fees	Nursery	128,860	54,269
Grants	Nursery	297,925	296,122
Miscellaneous income	Nursery	-	-
Café income	Kitchen	41,560	125
Grants	Kitchen	8,000	25,589
Grants	General	58,406	93,120
Photocopying/Tool hire	General	905	551
		535,656	469,776

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
DBC Special Educational Needs Grant	8,175	11,499
DBC Nursery Education Grant	154,094	155,898
DBC Early Years Grant	135,656	75,728
ASDA Grant	-	-
CDCF Grant	-	1,636
Charities Trust	-	-
DBC Re-Start Grants	30,000	-
Job Retention Scheme Grants	28,406	110,998
Small Business Rates Relief Grant	-	25,000
DBC Closure Grant	8,000	25,219
Teesside University Grant	-	4,798
Cummins Global Giving Grant	-	3,858
	364,331	414,634

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Purchases	4,700	-

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Nursery	392,751	-	21,614	414,365
Kitchen	62,752	-	526	63,278
General	982	-	167,800	168,782
General Restricted	-	-	28,577	28,577
	456,485	-	218,517	675,002

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Nursery	-	3,471

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Nursery	21,614	-	21,614
Kitchen	526	-	526
General	165,316	2,484	167,800
General Restricted	28,577	-	28,577
	216,033	2,484	218,517

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	40,468	35,568

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	414,163	309,878
Pension costs	7,044	7,950
	421,207	317,828

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
Full time	16	15
Part time	8	8
	24	23

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	500	-	500
Charitable activities			
Nursery	350,391	-	350,391
Kitchen	25,714	-	25,714
General	93,671	-	93,671
Other trading activities	102,471	-	102,471
Total	572,747	-	572,747

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	-	-	-
Charitable activities			
Nursery	321,617	-	321,617
Kitchen	35,606	-	35,606
General	119,244	-	119,244
General Restricted	-	28,803	28,803
Total	476,467	28,803	505,270
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	96,280	(28,803)	67,477
Transfers between funds	(-)	-	-
Net movement in funds	(-)	-	(-)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	159,953	958,121	1,118,074
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	256,233	929,318	1,185,551

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021	1,381,327	94,516	1,475,843
Additions	47,543	37,800	85,343
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	1,428,870	132,316	1,561,186
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	452,010	60,282	512,292
Charge for year	28,577	11,891	40,468
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	480,587	72,173	552,760
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	948,283	60,143	1,008,426
At 31 March 2021	929,317	34,234	963,551

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	-	-
Trade creditors	-	2,412
Social security and other taxes	-	-
Accrued expenses	4,100	3,400
	4,100	5,812

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	-

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	191,326	56,815	(57,624)	190,517
Nursery	53,667	12,420	-	66,087
Kitchen	11,240	(13,718)	10,082	7,604
	256,233	55,517	(47,542)	264,208
Restricted funds				
General	929,318	(28,577)	47,542	948,283
TOTAL FUNDS	1,185,551	26,940	-	1,212,491

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	230,297	(173,482)	56,815
Nursery	426,785	(414,365)	12,420
Kitchen	49,560	(63,278)	(13,718)
	706,642	(651,125)	55,517
Restricted funds			
General	-	(28,577)	(28,577)
TOTAL FUNDS	706,642	(679,702)	26,940

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	153,931	77,395	(40,000)	191,326
Nursery	(109)	28,776	25,000	53,667
Kitchen	6,131	(9,891)	15,000	11,240
	159,953	96,280	-	256,233
Restricted funds				
General	958,121	(28,803)	-	929,318
TOTAL FUNDS	1,118,074	67,477	-	1,185,551

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	196,639	(119,244)	77,395
Nursery	350,393	(321,617)	28,776
Kitchen	25,715	(35,606)	(9,891)
	572,747	(476,467)	96,280
Restricted funds			
General	-	(28,803)	(28,803)
TOTAL FUNDS	572,747	(505,270)	67,477

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	153,931	134,210	(97,624)	190,517
Nursery	(109)	41,196	25,000	66,087
Kitchen	6,131	(23,609)	25,082	7,604
	159,953	151,797	(47,542)	264,208
Restricted funds				
General	958,121	(57,380)	47,542	948,283
TOTAL FUNDS	1,118,074	94,417	-	1,212,491

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	426,936	(292,726)	134,210
Nursery	777,178	(735,982)	41,196
Kitchen	75,275	(98,884)	(23,609)
	1,279,389	(1,127,592)	151,797
Restricted funds			
General	(-)	(57,380)	(57,380)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,279,389	(1,184,972)	94,417

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	28,538	500
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	5,891	4
Rental income	135,579	102,467
Trips	-	-
Feed in tariffs	978	-
	142,448	102,471
Charitable activities		
Nursery fees	128,860	54,269
Cafe income	41,560	125
Grants	364,331	414,831
Photocopying/Tool hire	905	551
Miscellaneous income	-	-
	535,656	469,776
Total incoming resources	706,642	572,747
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cost of trips and fund raising	4,700	-
Charitable activities		
Wages	329,817	257,669
Pensions	-	-
Sundries	-	-
Consumables	57,652	18,826
Nursery meals	11,206	593
Core overhead contribution	54,618	72,000
Cleaning	2,210	498
Donations	982	2
Special Needs & Early Years funding costs	-	3,471
	456,485	353,057
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	84,346	52,209
Pensions	7,044	7,950
Staff training	881	1
Rates and water	1,201	3,571
Insurance	8,009	5,784
Light and heat	17,377	14,058
Carried forward	118,858	83,572

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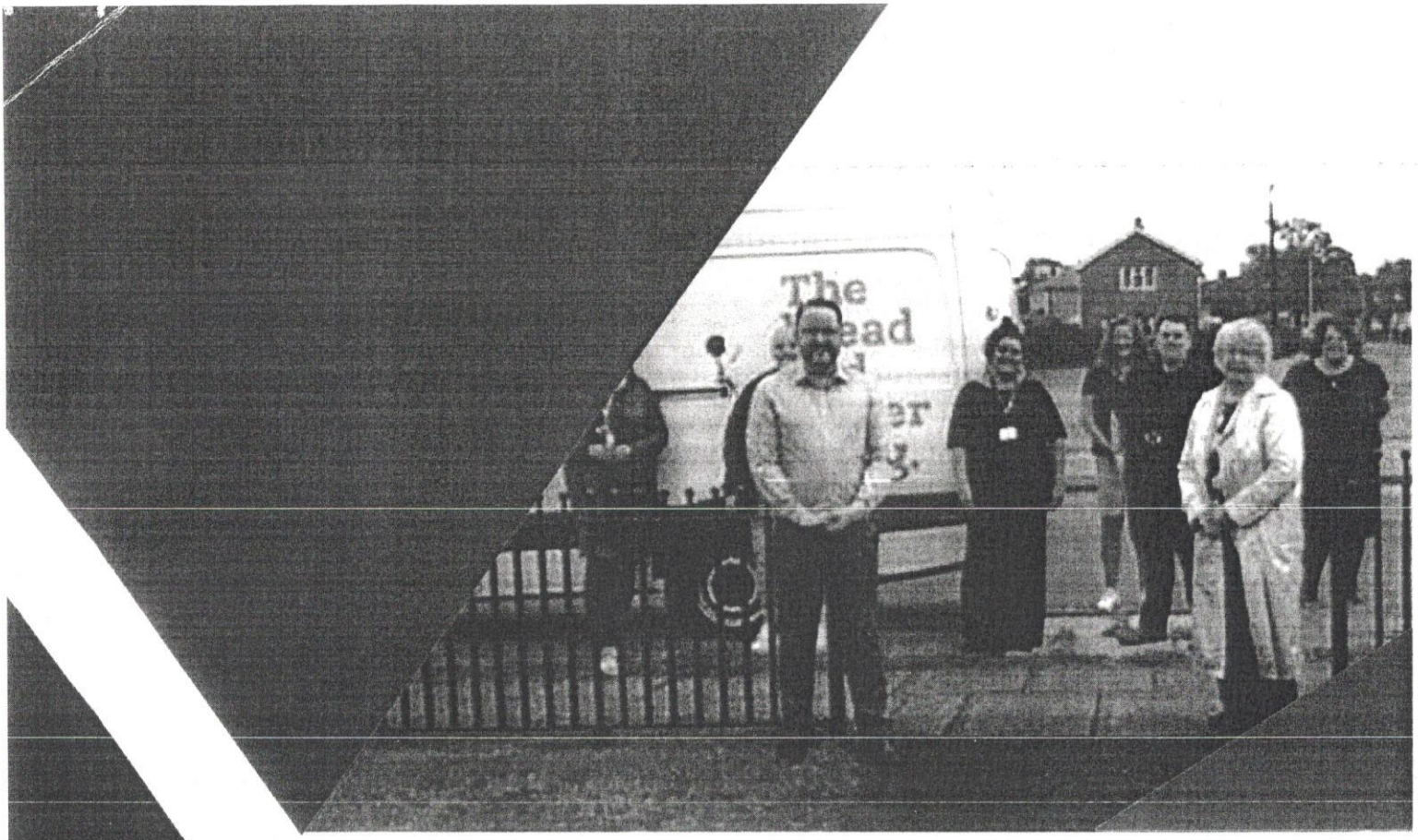
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Management		
Brought forward	118,858	83,572
Bank charges	675	-
Telephone	2,204	2,612
Office supplies	23,376	5,911
Advertising	232	-
Sundries	-	1,561
Maintenance contracts	6,175	6,293
Licences and subscriptions	5,330	5,150
Cleaning	729	-
Employment engagement	16	37
Volunteer expenses	-	-
Repairs and renewals	17,970	9,083
Depreciation of property	28,577	28,803
Depreciation of fixtures	11,805	6,636
Depreciation of computer equipment	86	129
	216,033	149,787
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,484	2,426
Legal fees	-	-
	2,484	2,426
Total resources expended	679,702	505,270
Net income/(expenditure)	26,940	67,477

FIRTHMOOR AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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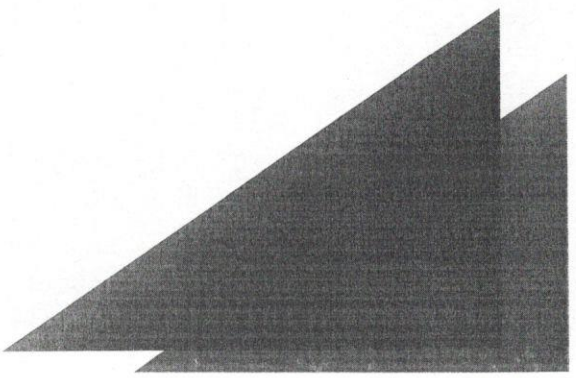
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Charity objects...

An extract from our Articles of Association

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Firthmoor and Lascelles Park and the Neighbourhood thereof without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other options, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same, whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of these objects

The area in which we operate general overview:

Firthmoor Community Centre is located in Eastbourne Ward in the southeast of Darlington, the majority of which is comprised of the Firthmoor Estate. Eastbourne is ranked 664th (worst 8% nationally) in the Government's Index of Multiple Deprivation (estimated using combined LSOA scores).

The area has a population of 5780 residents in 2,660 households. 22.4% of the population is aged under 16 with 19.3% over the age of retirement, compared with 19.5% and 18.6% nationally. The proportion of the population from ethnic minorities is 2.2% compared with 2.1% in Darlington and 8.7% in England in Wales.

The unemployment rate in Eastbourne is 5.2%, the fourth highest in Darlington compared to the overall Darlington figure of 4%. Youth unemployment in Eastbourne is the fourth worst in Darlington, with 38.8% of unemployed people aged between 18-24.

25.6% of the working age population receive key benefits, with 28.5 of children living in low-income households, the eleventh worst in Darlington. Eastbourne has the second highest proportion of single parent households in Darlington at 5.1%. Eastbourne also has the biggest problem with dental health among children, with an average of 3.5 decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft). The ward also has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in the town.

Educational attainment is low, with results at Key Stage 2 being the worst in Darlington, along with the lowest level of adults in further education (4.6%). Only 5% of people aged 18 to 20 progress to university.

Eastbourne has levels of car ownership that are significantly lower than the national rate, with 42.0% of households not owning a car, compared to 26.8% nationally. House prices have stagnated, and the average price of a property in Eastbourne is £104,300, which is ranked as joint eighth in Darlington (along with Park East). A third of houses in Eastbourne are rented from social landlords.

The report...

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's articles, the Charity's Act 1993 and the statement of recommended practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2005.

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Steven Tait
Chairman

As we are all aware the past 12 months has proved to be a very difficult period for us all. The pandemic brought about by Covid-19 has tested us all, in our personal lives, working lives and businesses and charities have been no different. We have all had to adapt our ways of working to ensure that we remained sustainable for the future.

I am very proud of the efforts the staff team here at Firthmoor have gone to during the pandemic. As key workers we have ensured that our nursery remained operational to ensure other key workers could continue to work and support everyone throughout. The dentist area has remained operational and acted as a centralised emergency hub supporting the whole town. We ensured that our most vulnerable residents across Eastbourne had a point of contact and we acted as a community support hub for anyone that needed us. We leaflet dropped areas where we knew residents might be or likely to need help or be isolated during a very difficult time – to ensure we could get them the essentials like day-to-day shopping, prescriptions and for some just a friendly voice at the end of the telephone.

As the pandemic went on, we opened our doors as a community testing facility where over the course of being operational we helped and tested over 2010 individuals. Once the vaccine programme was up and running, we again jumped at the chance to be a community-based vaccine centre where we have administered 1st and 2nd jabs of the vaccines to hundreds of people. Both these programmes have ensured that we have supported our local residents, whilst feedback has told us that local on your doorstep health services really help to support the wider NHS programmes.

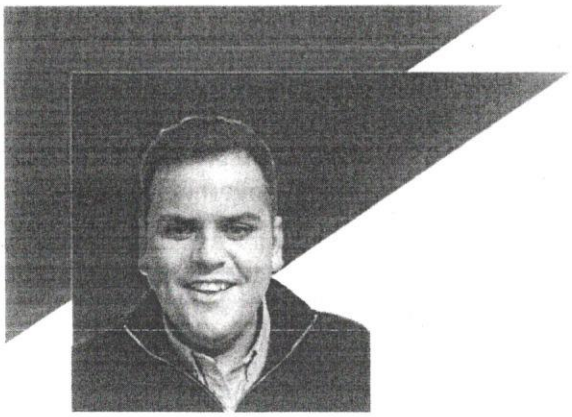
During the pandemic many of our services were stood down so we turned our attention to the inside of the building. We have completed an update throughout with a fresh lick of paint, which includes a new colour scheme throughout the reception and café area. The outside areas had all been prepped and tidied in preparation of the reopening of all our services – the planting this year that have been used at the front of the building and in the garden, I hope have brought some welcomed colour and cheer to everyone passing. We also had our boiler replaced with a more eco-friendly model which includes better functions for heating temperature management to ensure we are making the best use out of it.

Even during a pandemic, we were still able to deliver The Easter holiday activity programme alongside the council team. Over the course of two weeks 30 children took part here in Firthmoor with a full range of activities with meal provided. Our café team also made up and delivered over 270 hot meals to other locations delivering the same programme throughout the town.

This past year really has shown the best of people in our community. Many alike have come together to support one another, family, neighbours, friends and colleagues and everyone should be applauded for all that they have done. It's been a very difficult time for many of us and I thank everyone, my staff team especially for their continued efforts throughout this past year.

Steven Tait
Chairman

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Jonathan Dulston

Head of Charity Operations

No one could have predicted the impact that Covid-19 would have on our lives this last year. Whilst the challenges have been immense and the uncertainties relentless, I do believe our charity has stepped up to the mark in supporting our community. Firthmoor was one of the first charities to work with the council to become an emergency hub for those who were extremely clinically vulnerable and most in need. In the height of the pandemic, we were supporting people with food parcels, pharmacy collections along with collecting residents shopping.

We were pleased to be one of the first in the country to become a community covid testing site and have supported our town with completing over 50,000 covid tests during the last year which has undoubtedly controlled the spread of the virus and saved many lives.

We have kept regular communication with residents over the last year both by telephone and social media and understand the impact that this virus has had on our resident's mental health. Working in partnership with a local gym we were able to transform one of our meeting rooms into a new wellness centre where people can come and get fit.

Despite being closed for significant periods throughout this financial year awe have been able to maintain a strong and resilient set of accounts. The government support has been welcomed and the charity has benefited from furlough and local authority support grants.

As we reflect on the year, we are proud of the work our team of staff and volunteers have done for our community. Team Firthmoor served our residents when we were most needed and look forward in welcoming back service users soon.

Jonathan Dulston
Head of Charity Operations

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Community Centre User Groups

Following government legislation our community centre had to close and all groups postponed their contacts with us. During the pandemic we have had regular contact with these groups to understand how we were able to help them during the pandemic and as we bounce back to some sort of normality. We are pleased to report that most of the service users and groups have benefited from government, local government, and charity support. When writing this report, the below groups were still actively seeking to return once the national restrictions are eased.

- Joanne Lowe Academy of Dance
- Slimming World
- Councillor Ward Surgeries
- Darlington Borough Council – Activities Programme
- Tool Library Service
- Pinpoint Training
- NHS - National Childminders
- NHS – Cardiac Rehabilitation
- National Blood Services (NHS)
- Citizens Advice
- The Bread & Butter Thing
- Over 50's Group
- Police PACT
- Exercise classes
- Covid-19 Community Testing
- Burgess & Hyder Dental Practice
- NHS Hearing Screening Clinics
- DBC – Early Help Team

During the last year the community centre has remained partially open to support Burgess & Hyder dental practice with emergency care through the 111 NHS direct service. Working in partnership with the management team we were able to support them to deliver this service of which there were only 2 operating throughout county Durham.

Community Association Projects...

Maidendale Nursery

In line with government legislation our nursery has been closed for a large proportion of this reporting period. We have however been able to support key worker families with continuing to provide services. We recognised early on during this pandemic that we had a responsibility more than ever before to step up and provide for our community. Our committed staff team remained professional and dedicated to the service we provided, often during periods of increased anxiety as the national and local Covid-19 rates were accelerating.

Despite the challenges we have faced as a charity by the national restrictions and lockdowns we have benefited financially by the government financial support packages. We have received several lockdown grants over the last year along with utilising the furlough scheme and more recently the flexible furlough scheme as we have stated to reopen.
The Nursery continues to be overseen by our head of children and young people who is supported by a deputy nursery manager and 3 Senior nursery practitioners. In addition to this we employ 15 childcare practitioners and at the time of writing this report we had 110 children enrolled within our nursery.

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Community Café

Due to government legislation our café has had to close for s significant period over the last year. We have however remained open to produce hot meals to our nursery for the children who were attending under the key worker criteria. In addition to this, the café has also provided hot nutritious meals for 120 young peripli as part of Darlington Borough Council's Easer activities programme.

Whilst in lockdown we took the opportunity to refurbish and re paint the cafe kitchen. This investment has given the kitchen a fresh clean and professional feel which has been received well by staff and service users alike. In addition to this we have also made a number of investments in equipment by purchasing a new 2-barrel fryer, a new commercial range cooker and an industrial microwave. This investment is part of our plans to develop our menu and service in the coming year.

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Community Fun Days, Trips & Social Evenings and Firthmoor LIVE

Due to government legislation, we took the decision to suspend our activities programme until further notice however we continue to engage with our community via our social media platforms to understand and tease their appetite for future event. Whilst our trips programme will not start until summer 2022, we are already starting to make plans for Firthmoor LIVE 2022 which will be a 2-day event.

Online Presence & Digital Services

This technology enables our member to receive news, discounts, and information in real time via our database of member's numbers. We also use the service to set reminders for our Trustees' meetings and to send important message to employees. All you need to do is register your mobile phone number with the charity to receive updates.

The charity also runs a Facebook page, with over 3100 'likes' to the page, which is an effective means of engagement with large numbers of people. Often, we can reach over 4.5K people with a post update so social media is a key part of our engagement with the community and members. You can also follow us on Twitter searching for the user name @Firthmoor or visit our website www.firthmoor.co.uk

Fundraising & Support Projects...

Firthmoor Food Bank

During the last year we have stepped up for our community and become a COVID-19 support hub where we have been able to help our residents with essential items. we supported over 250 residents with food parcels during the hight of the pandemic which provided over 1000 meals.

In addition to food support, we were also able to support those who were clinically vulnerable and shielding. We collected prescriptions for people along with collecting shopping for those most clinically vulnerable. Firthmoor Food Bank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis. Our food bank is completely self-sustaining and relies on donations from individuals and groups. Our partnership working with groups such as our local Slimming World, local supermarkets and schools have supported the sustainability of this service.

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Volunteer Programme

There is sound evidence that volunteering brings benefits to both the person volunteering and the people and organisations they support. We have developed a strong volunteer database this year. We have focused on supporting key activities within the charity whilst also supporting individuals to gain confidence and experience in those roles and we are pleased to report that our volunteer numbers are increasing steadily.

The Bread & Butter Thing

We are delighted that we have been able to work in partnership with the bread and butter thing over the last year by providing room hire along with a fantastic team of volunteers. This great project works with corporate food suppliers to save and redistribute food that would have gone to landfill. Residents who user the service receive approximately £35 work of shopping for £7.50. So far, the project has delivered 1980 food parcels to families serving approximately 70 families per week. This has saved 24 tonnes of food from going to landfill and provided an astonishing 56,000 meals. For more information of the great work of this project please visit. www.breadandbutterthing.org.

Organisational Structure & Business Model

Organisational Report of the Association, for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

Firthmoor & District Community Association is a voluntary group, run by local people who own and are responsible for maintaining Firthmoor Community Centre. The charity provides support and delivers essential community services for local people in Firthmoor - we are passionate about our community.

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes and aims for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community. We continue to develop new organisational structures, inspirational leadership and drive a new community culture. We aim to continually improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of our charity.

Working closely with the Chairman, the Head of Charity Operations and Head of children 7 young people are responsible for the day-to-day operational management of the charity and individual supervision of employees. The Chief Officer also ensures that the employee team continues to develop skills and working standards in line with good practice and legislation.

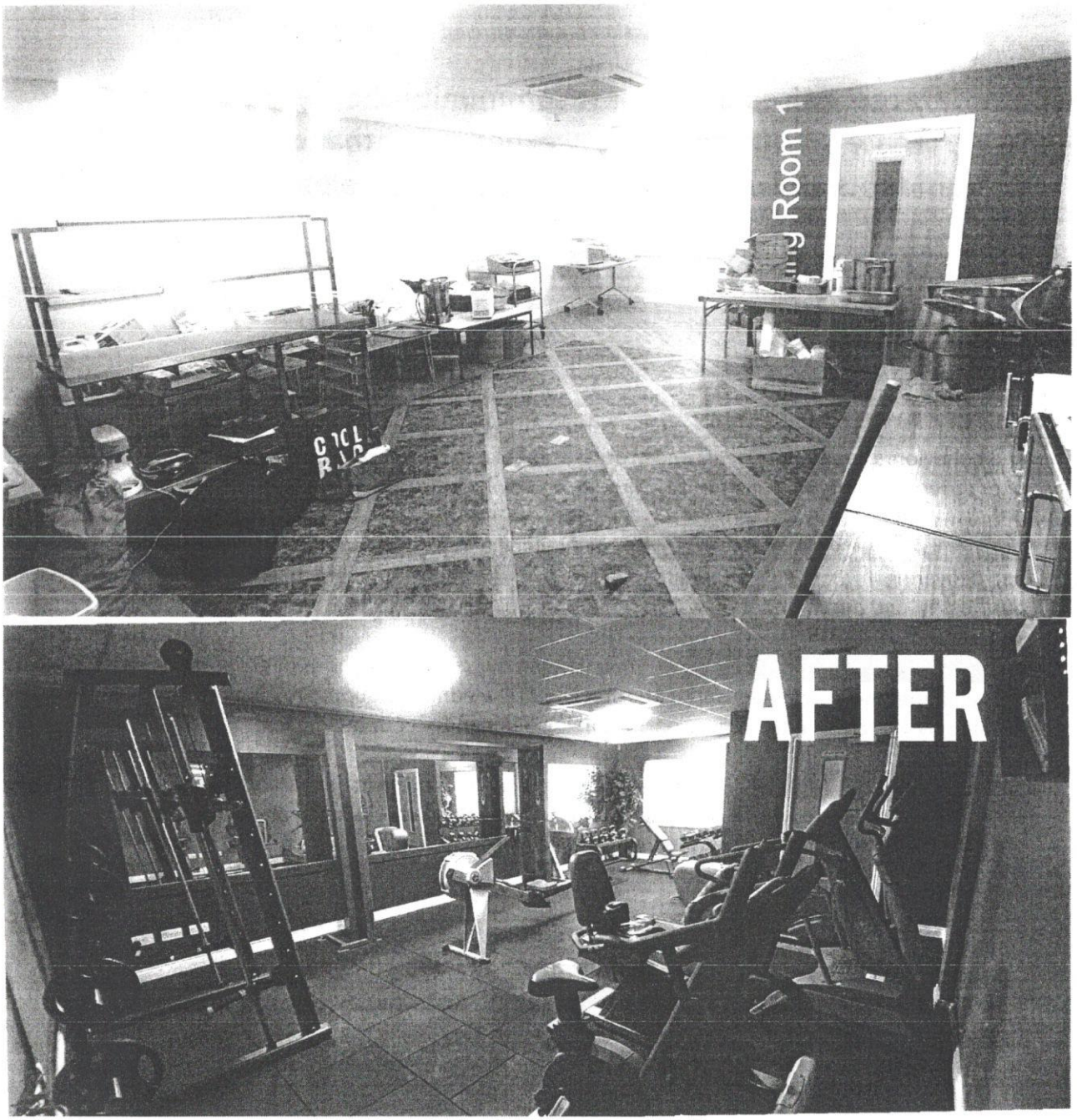
Firthmoor & District Community Association has a strategic change initiative to create the best Community Centre in Darlington; an organisation capable of delivering community services at the grass roots.

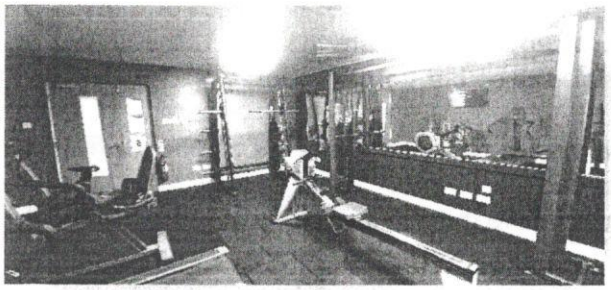
We want everyone to be involved in maintaining a great community building in the smartest and most efficient way possible. Our community's expectations continue to grow and in order that we meet those challenges, changes and expectations, every element of our charity will need to adapt to ensure we are set up to succeed.

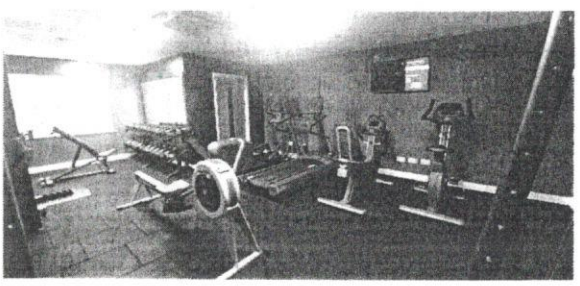
Investments

This year we decided to embark on the charities most ambitious plans and that was to develop a community wellness suite. We recognised early in the pandemic that the effects on people's mental health were going to be significant and that we had a responsibility to stand ready to support our community with the services and facilities they needed. Working in partnership with a local Gym we were able to invest £10,000 into this project and produce this amazing facility.

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Our Vision

The charity's vision is summarised as:

'To be widely recognised as the best community charity in Darlington, where we create unique community experiences that our members, residents and employees feel proud to be a part of'

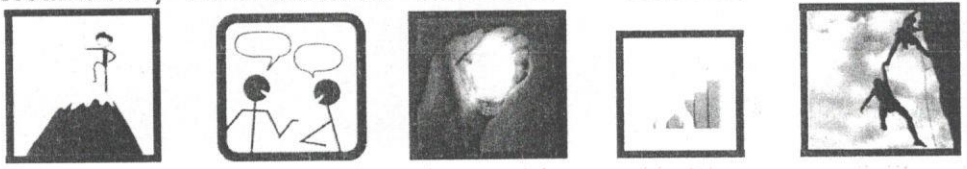
Our Strategic Priorities

The priorities that will help achieve the vision are:

- ✓ ***Inspiring our employees*** – developing a culture that engages our employees; promoting clear values and behaviours; creating systems and processes that keep our employees up to date, on board and part of our journey; ensuring consistency, fairness, and ownership.
- ✓ ***Making a difference to our community*** – maintaining and enhancing our reputation as a great place to be; delivering high quality standards that deliver a unique and practical benefit to local people, businesses, and our members.
- ✓ ***Strengthening our leadership model*** – maintaining our current methods of governance; reviewing our impact and effectiveness in ensuring the stability of the administration; providing good governance and leadership by exercising effective controls; being open and accountable.
- ✓ ***Building a sustainable future*** – supporting our long-term future and our ability to improve our facilities, services, and effectiveness by optimising any income surplus by building and growing our business in order to better support our community in a socially responsible way

Our Values

Accountability | Communication | Innovation | Efficiency | Trusting



'own it' 'create it'

Delivering on our aims and objectives

We review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review focuses on the successes of each of the key activities of our charity and the benefits they have brought to the people we are here to support. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives in planning our future activities.
In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set and how they most benefit the community.

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The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- ✓ Working in partnership with others to provide a range of services and activities for local people
- ✓ Building upon our service delivery to provide an excellent customer-focused environment for our users and members, who access the centre daily
- ✓ Ensuring an environment where people want to spend more of their social and recreational time, whilst providing healthy meals at affordable prices
- ✓ Working towards fully maintaining our self-sustaining community centre free from a further dependence on grant funding
- ✓ Promoting the advancement of education and health through the provision of an in-house nursery and dental practice

Recruitment, appointment, and induction of trustees

We regularly advertise for vacancies on the board through our website, Facebook page and via our community newsletter. We are also signed up to the local community voluntary service network.

Our new trustees are elected at the AGM for a one-year term and are eligible for re-election each year, with no term limit. Trustees elected at the AGM can reside in any area of Darlington. Those wishing to be co-opted on to the board during the year must be a resident of the council wards of Eastbourne and Lascelles.

There are four officer positions available for election at each AGM. Honorary Officers are elected and the positions are Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Applications for trusteeship must be received before the meeting and a twenty-one day general notice of this requirement is given.

All our new trustees will be familiarised with the practical work of the Charity and how the Community Centre is managed. The Chief Officer, in partnership with the secretary, is responsible for arranging induction sessions for new trustees, which involves issuing email accounts, ID Badges, explaining the structures of the Charity, its constitutional workings, and its current range of business activities. This includes a deep dive into the accounts and business plans. All trustees are required to sign the code of conduct and agree to our 'good governance' policy statement. Training is carried out as appropriate and, where necessary, guidance is updated or recommended.

How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on the provision of social, educational and leisure time activities, either directly or in partnership with others, to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit and to enhance the wellbeing of our local community.

Who uses and benefits from our services

Firthmoor Community Centre provides services and activities that support people to reach their full potential. An important first step in providing the services that will benefit people's lives is in understanding the 'needs' that exist in the local community and how those 'needs' could best be met. From this starting point services and activities can then be established, alone or in partnership with our community. We are committed to ensuring our community improves and builds upon opportunities.

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Principal Funding Sources

Aside from the income generated from groups who use the Community Centre as a base to provide social and recreational activities, the principal funding sources for the charity are now derived from our in-house childcare operations and room hire income.

Following constraints on local authority funding in Darlington, which led to all subsidies to Community Centres being cut to zero, the charity has to ensure all income to cover running costs is derived from business activities e.g. room/office hire charges, nursery places, café sales etc.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount of working capital, the charity has no funds to invest. If the charity had sufficient resources available Trustees would consider the options available, however, at this present time the Management Committee has decided to focus resources towards a continued cycle of repair and renewal of the building until such time as large surpluses can be accumulated for future planned investments.

Reserves & Risks Policy

In order to highlight any risks to the organisation, the Board of Trustees and Chief Officer continually examine the charity's cash flow and reserves through regular budget reviews and updates, led by the treasurer. The charity has established polices with regards to finance, employee relations and operational health and safety, which are reviewed annually by the secretary. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have also been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

In the past the charity used to be highly dependent on grant income, however, business income now forms all of the charity's resources, so emphasis on where the risks lie has changed. Greater attention is now being placed not just on how we conduct our business, but with an emphasis on developing a strong leadership team, with accountable and dynamic managers.

The charity's current reserves statement and operational direction is to maintain sufficient working capital and manage cash flow to meet any known commitments. In most cases, the charity's annual expenditure budgets are not executed until predicted income budgetary targets have been achieved. This approach has been adopted to ensure that there is a sufficient flow of cash to meet known commitments.

The charity has a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure.

Procedures are also in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients, and visitors to the centre.

As part of the annual budget approved each April, the charity treasurer, on behalf of the trustees, conducts a review of the approved budget each October. Where appropriate, amendments will be made to ensure that any risks are identified in all our operations.

Plans for Future Periods

In the forthcoming year the charity plans to continue providing the wide range of services and activities outlined above and throughout this document and will encourage and support more groups and local people to take advantage of the excellent facilities the charity has to offer.

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Auditors

The auditors, J P Walters & Co, were re-appointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on **Tuesday 26th October 2021** and signed on its behalf by Mr Steven Tait



Steven Tait
Chairman

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Firthmoor and District Community Association

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRATEGIC REPORT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07842311 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1144955

Registered office

Firthmoor Community Centre
Burnside Road
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL1 4SU

Trustees

Kevin Nicholson (resigned 2.9.20)
Steven Tait
Mrs Susan Dulston
Mrs L Munro Trustee
Mrs V Hamilton Ee Manager
D P Wright Dance Teacher (resigned 14.5.20)

Company Secretary

Mrs K Tait

Independent Examiner

J P Walters & Co
Chartered Accountants
67 Duke Street
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL3 7SD

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on ....25/10/2021..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

.....

Mrs K Tait - Secretary

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Firthmoor and District Community
Association

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Firthmoor and District Community Association ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

J P Walters BSc BFP FCA
ICAEW
J P Walters & Co
Chartered Accountants
67 Duke Street
Darlington
Co. Durham
DL3 7SD

Date: 26.10.2021

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Firthmoor and District Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	500	-	500	100
Charitable activities	4				
Nursery		350,391	-	350,391	366,036
Kitchen		25,714	-	25,714	80,366
General		93,671	-	93,671	44,509
Other trading activities	3	102,471	-	102,471	155,362
Total		572,747	-	572,747	646,373
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	27,569
Charitable activities	6				
Nursery		321,617	-	321,617	359,468
Kitchen		35,606	-	35,606	77,083
General		119,244	-	119,244	181,081
General Restricted		-	28,803	28,803	28,946
Total		476,467	28,803	505,270	674,147
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		96,280	(28,803)	67,477	(27,774)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		159,953	958,121	1,118,074	1,145,848
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		256,233	929,318	1,185,551	1,118,074

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13	34,234	929,317	963,551	967,534
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		227,811	1	227,812	160,145
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(5,812)	-	(5,812)	(9,605)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		221,999	1	222,000	150,540
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		256,233	929,318	1,185,551	1,118,074
NET ASSETS		256,233	929,318	1,185,551	1,118,074
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				256,233	159,953
Restricted funds				929,318	958,121
TOTAL FUNDS				1,185,551	1,118,074

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26.10.2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Steven Tait - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	99,361	8,751
Net cash provided by operating activities		99,361	8,751
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(31,585)	(32,565)
Net cash used in investing activities		(31,585)	(32,565)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		67,776	(23,814)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	160,036	183,850
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	227,812	160,036

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	67,477	(27,774)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	35,568	33,655
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(3,684)	2,870
Net cash provided by operations	99,361	8,751

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	227,812	160,145
Overdrafts included in bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	-	(109)
Total cash and cash equivalents	227,812	160,036

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	160,145	67,667	227,812
Bank overdraft	(109)	109	-
	160,036	67,776	227,812
Total	160,036	67,776	227,812

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations	500	100

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	4	19,169
Rental income	102,467	132,970
Trips	-	2,042
Feed in tariffs	-	1,181
	102,471	155,362

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.3.21	31.3.20
		£	£
Nursery fees	Nursery	54,269	134,039
Grants	Nursery	296,122	231,828
Miscellaneous income	Nursery	-	169
Café income	Kitchen	125	80,366
Grants	Kitchen	25,589	-
Grants	General	93,120	43,173
Photocopying/Tool hire	General	551	1,336
		469,776	490,911

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
DBC Special Educational Needs Grant	11,499	6,424
DBC Nursery Education Grant	155,898	120,734
DBC Early Years Grant	75,728	104,670
ASDA Grant	-	31,673
CDCF Grant	1,636	10,000
Charities Trust	-	1,000
Youth Project	-	500
Job Retention Scheme Grants	110,998	-
Small Business Rates Relief Grant	25,000	-
DBC Closure Grant	25,219	-
Teesside University Grant	4,798	-
Cummins Global Giving Grant	3,858	-
	414,634	275,001

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Purchases	-	27,569

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	Support costs (see note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Nursery	317,248	3,471	898	321,617
Kitchen	32,838	-	3,268	35,606
General	-	-	119,244	119,244
General Restricted	-	-	28,803	28,803
	349,586	3,471	152,213	505,270

7. GRANTS PAYABLE

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Nursery	3,471	9,336

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Nursery	898	-	898
Kitchen	3,268	-	3,268
General	116,818	2,426	119,244
General Restricted	28,803	-	28,803
	149,787	2,426	152,213

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9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	35,568	33,655

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	309,878	356,706
Other pension costs	7,950	18,882
	317,828	375,588

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
Full time	15	17
Part time	8	9
	23	26

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	100	-	100
Charitable activities			
Nursery	366,036	-	366,036
Kitchen	80,366	-	80,366
General	44,509	-	44,509
Other trading activities	155,363	(1)	155,362
Total	646,374	(1)	646,373

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	27,569	-	27,569
Charitable activities			
Nursery	359,468	-	359,468
Kitchen	77,083	-	77,083
General	181,081	-	181,081
General Restricted	-	28,946	28,946
Total	645,201	28,946	674,147
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,173	(28,947)	(27,774)
Transfers between funds	(29,654)	29,654	-
Net movement in funds	(28,481)	707	(27,774)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	188,434	957,414	1,145,848
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	159,953	958,121	1,118,074

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	1,381,327	68,671	1,449,998
Additions	-	31,585	31,585
Disposals	-	(5,740)	(5,740)
At 31 March 2021	1,381,327	94,516	1,475,843
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	423,207	59,257	482,464
Charge for year	28,803	6,765	35,568
Eliminated on disposal	-	(5,740)	(5,740)
At 31 March 2021	452,010	60,282	512,292
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	929,317	34,234	963,551
At 31 March 2020	958,120	9,414	967,534

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	-	109
Trade creditors	2,412	2,160
Social security and other taxes	-	3,386
Accrued expenses	3,400	3,950
	5,812	9,605

15. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	109

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	153,931	77,395	(40,000)	191,326
Nursery	(109)	28,776	25,000	53,667
Kitchen	6,131	(9,891)	15,000	11,240
	159,953	96,280	-	256,233
Restricted funds				
General	958,121	(28,803)	-	929,318
TOTAL FUNDS	1,118,074	67,477	-	1,185,551

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	196,639	(119,244)	77,395
Nursery	350,393	(321,617)	28,776
Kitchen	25,715	(35,606)	(9,891)
	572,747	(476,467)	96,280
Restricted funds			
General	-	(28,803)	(28,803)
TOTAL FUNDS	572,747	(505,270)	67,477

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	27,470	(10,285)	136,746	153,931
Nursery	158,540	7,751	(166,400)	(109)
Kitchen	2,424	3,707	-	6,131
	188,434	1,173	(29,654)	159,953
Restricted funds				
General	957,414	(28,947)	29,654	958,121
TOTAL FUNDS	1,145,848	(27,774)	-	1,118,074

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	198,789	(209,074)	(10,285)
Nursery	367,219	(359,468)	7,751
Kitchen	80,366	(76,659)	3,707
	646,374	(645,201)	1,173
Restricted funds			
General	(1)	(28,946)	(28,947)
TOTAL FUNDS	646,373	(674,147)	(27,774)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	27,470	67,110	96,746	191,326
Nursery	158,540	36,527	(141,400)	53,667
Kitchen	2,424	(6,184)	15,000	11,240
	188,434	97,453	(29,654)	256,233
Restricted funds				
General	957,414	(57,750)	29,654	929,318
TOTAL FUNDS	1,145,848	39,703	-	1,185,551

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	395,428	(328,318)	67,110
Nursery	717,612	(681,085)	36,527
Kitchen	106,081	(112,265)	(6,184)
	1,219,121	(1,121,668)	97,453
Restricted funds			
General	(1)	(57,749)	(57,750)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,219,120	(1,179,417)	39,703

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	500	100
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	4	19,169
Rental income	102,467	132,970
Trips	-	2,042
Feed in tariffs	-	1,181
	102,471	155,362
Charitable activities		
Nursery fees	54,269	134,039
Cafe income	125	80,366
Grants	414,831	275,001
Photocopying/Tool hire	551	1,336
Miscellaneous income	-	169
	469,776	490,911
Total incoming resources	572,747	646,373
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Cost of trips and fund raising	-	27,569
Charitable activities		
Wages	257,669	258,838
Pensions	-	14,196
Sundries	-	1,569
Consumables	18,826	56,328
Nursery meals	593	25,958
Core overhead contribution	72,000	66,087
Cleaning	498	1,697
Special Needs & Early Years funding costs	3,471	9,336
	353,057	434,009
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	52,209	97,868
Pensions	7,950	4,686
Rates and water	3,571	3,680
Insurance	5,784	6,242
Light and heat	14,058	19,094
Carried forward	83,572	131,570

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Management		
Brought forward	83,572	131,570
Telephone	2,612	2,389
Office supplies	5,911	4,980
Advertising	-	346
Sundries	1,561	446
Maintenance contracts	6,293	6,393
Licences and subscriptions	5,150	8,819
Cleaning	-	1,342
Employment engagement	37	1,253
Volunteer expenses	-	5,498
Repairs and renewals	9,083	12,141
Depreciation of property	28,803	28,946
Depreciation of fixtures	6,636	4,451
Depreciation of computer equipment	129	258
	149,787	208,832
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,426	2,400
Legal fees	-	1,337
	2,426	3,737
Total resources expended	505,270	674,147
Net income/(expenditure)	67,477	(27,774)

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