

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08072008

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1149186

**Ellingham Community Trust
Company Limited by Guarantee
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 May 2024**

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Financial Statements
Year ended 31 May 2024

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Ellingham Community Trust
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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)
Year ended 31 May 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Ellingham Community Trust
Charity registration number	1149186
Company registration number	08072008
Principal office and registered office	Russell House Greenwell Road Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1HB

The trustees

Mr. L.M.R. Fell	
Mr. R Stuart	(Retired 8 May 2024)
Mr. G.R. Unwin	
Cannon J R Glover	
D Metcalfe	
G Edmondson	
J Thompson	
B Friar	

Independent examiner	Northumberland Accountants Limited Russell House Greenwell Road Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1HB
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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16th May 2012 and registered as a charity on 2nd October 2012. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration from the charity.

Trustees Induction and Training

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Any, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend short training sessions (of no more than an hour) to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

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Objectives and activities

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

The Charitable Company objectives are specifically restricted to further such exclusively charitable purposes under the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their discretion shall think fit. Community wide projects are preferred to grants to small groups or individuals.

Heritage, Culture and Local Environment

- protection and enhancement of local wildlife habitats
- preserving and promoting footpaths and walks
- enhancing areas around the village and hamlets in the Parish
- developing community activities and groups
- a newsletter to all Parishioners

Economy and Employment

- broadband speed to be improved
- contribution to support marketing and training for local businesses and in exceptional circumstances for some equipment

Education and Training

- youth opportunities and transport access to educational opportunities- resource centre/s

Housing

- providing leverage to support new housing to rent for local people
- the provision of contributions towards renewable energies for homes of businesses to reduce fuel costs and carbon emissions - supporting flood defences

Community Facilities and Services

- more public transport
- village hall improvements and more community activities
- village church improvements
- improvements to the village school for long term sustainability not funded by public funds

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Achievements and performance

A review of the Trust Objectives was undertaken to ensure that the Trust remained relevant in providing appropriate and mutual support to the community. Careful consideration has been made in utilising the Trust fund. Requests and applications of funding from the community or individuals were supported in a timely manner, whilst all obligations imposed on the Trust by the Charities Commission, Companies House and HMRC were adhered to.

As Chairman of the Ellingham Community Trust, I am pleased to present this year's achievements, which reflect our ongoing commitment to supporting the parish and strengthening our community. A key highlight of this year has been the Trust's comprehensive review of all governance policies and a full review of the Trust's objectives to ensure we are fit for the future, we look forward to implementing these in the next year. This work ensures that we remain forward-thinking and well-positioned to serve the parish effectively in the years ahead.

Activities and Achievements

The Green Scheme has successfully approved 8 applications, helping parishioners purchase or replace energy-efficient items for their homes. This initiative continues to promote sustainability and reduce energy costs across the parish.

The Training and Education Support Scheme saw a positive response, with 10 applications approved. Following last year's adjustments to better serve younger parishioners, the scheme has continued to support both professional development and club activities, empowering individuals to grow their skills and pursue new opportunities.

The Solid Fuel Scheme remains a critical lifeline for our community, with over 130 households benefiting from financial support for winter fuel. The early launch of the scheme once again provided stability and comfort to those concerned about heating their homes during the colder months.

This year, the Trust also supported the creation of a parish photographic archive, a significant project aimed at preserving the visual history of our community. We eagerly anticipate the completion of this important historical record. In addition, the Trust remains steadfast in its support for the local church and the school, ensuring they continue to thrive as essential pillars of our community.

Finally, the Trustees bid a fond farewell to Mr. Bob Stuart, a long-standing member and original trustee of the Ellingham Community Trust, who retired from the Trust this year. Bob's dedication and service since the creation of the Trust have been invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for his contributions. We wish him well in his retirement and express our immense gratitude for his many years of commitment to the parish.

As always, none of this would be possible without the continued and generous support from **Wandylaw Wind Farm**, whose backing allows us to provide these vital services and initiatives for the benefit of all parishioners.

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Financial review

The Charitable Company has recorded a deficit on the Unrestricted General Fund of £34,557,(2023: £15,385)

Risk Review

The Directors and Trustees has assessed the major risks to which the Charitable Company is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the risks.

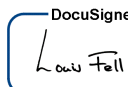
Reserves

The Directors and Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charitable Company in relation to current and future requirements and are happy that these it's stated Charitable objectives. The Charitable Company has Unrestricted Free Reserves of £22,856,(2023:£57,123) to continue to meet it's stated charitable objectives.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 7 November 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

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Mr. L.M.R. Fell
Trustee

Ellingham Community Trust

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ellingham Community Trust

Year ended 31 May 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Ellingham Community Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 the 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

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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



Northumberland Accountants Limited
Independent Examiner

Russell House
Greenwell Road
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7 November 2024

Ellingham Community Trust
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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 May 2024

		2024	2024		2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	funds	funds		
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	57,083	—	57,083	51,273
Charitable activities	6	2,200	—	2,200	3,864
Investment income	7	1,031	—	1,031	399
Other income	8	5,475	—	5,475	2,344
Total income		<u>65,789</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>65,789</u>	<u>57,880</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	100,031	3,332	103,363	76,285
Other expenditure	11	315	—	315	311
Total expenditure		<u>100,346</u>	<u>3,332</u>	<u>103,678</u>	<u>76,596</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds					
		<u>(34,557)</u>	<u>(3,332)</u>	<u>(37,889)</u>	<u>(18,716)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>57,123</u>	<u>11,224</u>	<u>68,347</u>	<u>87,063</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>22,566</u>	<u>7,892</u>	<u>30,458</u>	<u>68,347</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
31 May 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
Current assets				
Debtors	15	10,523		12,122
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>20,890</u>		<u>57,180</u>
		31,413		69,302
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>955</u>		<u>955</u>
Net current assets			30,458	68,347
Total assets less current liabilities			30,458	68,347
Funds of the charity				
Restricted funds			7,892	11,224
Unrestricted funds			<u>22,566</u>	<u>57,123</u>
Total charity funds	17		30,458	68,347

For the year ending 31 May 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7 November 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

DocuSigned by:

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Mr. L.M.R. Fell
 Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
Year ended 31 May 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Russell House, Greenwell Road, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 1HB.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*
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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations				
Donation	57,083	57,083	51,273	51,273

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6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Sale of logs	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>3,864</u>	<u>3,864</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	<u>1,031</u>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>399</u>	<u>399</u>

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Wandylaw Wind Farm reimbursement	<u>5,475</u>	<u>5,475</u>	<u>2,344</u>	<u>2,344</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Donations - Parish Magazine	1,907	—	1,907
Donations - General	49,583	—	49,583
Winter Fuel Scheme and Heat supplement	45,626	—	45,626
Domestic Appliance Scheme	800	—	800
Donations - Re School RHI Scheme	—	3,332	3,332
Support costs	<u>2,115</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,115</u>
	<u>100,031</u>	<u>3,332</u>	<u>103,363</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donations - Parish Magazine	1,235	—	1,235
Donations - General	23,654	—	23,654
Winter Fuel Scheme and Heat supplement	44,472	—	44,472
Domestic Appliance Scheme	1,400	—	1,400
Donations - Re School RHI Scheme	—	3,331	3,332
Support costs	<u>2,193</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,192</u>
	<u>72,954</u>	<u>3,331</u>	<u>76,285</u>

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10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations - Parish Magazine	1,907	—	1,907	1,235
Donations - General	49,583	—	49,583	23,654
Winter Fuel Scheme and Heat supplement	45,626	—	45,626	44,472
Domestic Appliance Scheme	800	—	800	1,400
Donations - Re School RHI Scheme	3,332	—	3,332	3,332
Governance costs	—	2,115	2,115	2,192
	<u>101,248</u>	<u>2,115</u>	<u>103,363</u>	<u>76,285</u>

11. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Insurance	<u>315</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>311</u>

12. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>667</u>	<u>823</u>

13. Staff costs

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of staff - Part time Trustees	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration from the charity.

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15. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	118	118
Loan to Ellingham School Scheme	6,663	9,995
Other debtors	3,742	2,009
	<u>10,523</u>	<u>12,122</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>955</u>	<u>955</u>

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund	<u>57,123</u>	<u>65,789</u>	<u>(100,346)</u>	<u>22,566</u>

	At 1 June 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 May 2023
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Fund	<u>72,508</u>	<u>57,880</u>	<u>(73,265)</u>	<u>57,123</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund	<u>11,224</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(3,332)</u>	<u>7,892</u>

	At 1 June 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 May 2023
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fund	<u>14,555</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(3,331)</u>	<u>11,224</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	<u>22,566</u>	<u>7,892</u>	<u>30,458</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	<u>57,123</u>	<u>11,224</u>	<u>68,347</u>

