

# EAST BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023- 2024



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Charity registration no:  
1150904  
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## Message from the Chair

The Centre has faced a number of challenges this year. The staff have worked hard to develop the business model and welcome new user groups to the Centre. In particular we were pleased to welcome the Bedlington Station Library Service ensuring that people living in East Bedlington still had access to book lending and public access computers.

We have welcomed the community to a number of social events which have strengthened community links. The Parish Council Welcome Hub project which is supported by the Community Centre has gone from strength to strength, reaching out to socially isolated members of the community and providing a warm and welcoming space to make new friends and receive support and advice from the statutory providers we have encourage to visit.

The Youth Club held at the Centre and delivered by Pride Action North has been another success story. The mix of traditional and outreach youth work has helped support our younger Centre users on a Friday evening.

During the year we have increased our staffing levels to meet the needs of additional Centre users. Whilst this was essential to meet customer demand of on average 500 users per week, the financial impact on the Centre has been significant.

The development of social event bookings in the Centre has been encouraging with our beneficiaries enjoying live music events, breakfast with Santa, pantomimes, birthday parties, christenings, wedding receptions and significant birthdays. Our Christmas Fayre was a huge success and is something we will be taking forward.

The Trustees look forward to further diversification of our offer in the coming year and delivering more activities and events to enrich the lives of those living and visiting East Bedlington.

*Jenny Tindale*  
Chair

### Objectives of the Charity

- To secure the best possible outcome for the centre whilst working within the boundaries of local, regional and national policy.
- To achieve these aims by promoting the principles of personal development, healthy lifestyle, well-being, community engagement, empowerment and social inclusion.
- To provide excellent community facilities and access to advice, training and support,
- To encourage the community to play an active part in local decision making,
- To encourage individuals and groups to have positive relationships with each other,
- To support young people into adulthood,
- To provide healthy lifestyle choices, a
- To provide any other charitable activity for the benefit of the community of East Bedlington and the surrounding area.

### Values

The provision of a community centre for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish of East Bedlington and the surrounding area without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race, or political, religious, or other opinions.

The use of the property for meetings, lectures, and classes or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare and with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

## Governance

The governance framework of the Charity consists of:

- The Centre’s Trust Deed, which outlines the aims and objectives of the Charity, dictates the appointment of trustees and the legal framework in which it must operate.
- A legal structure to ensure compliance with Charity Law
- A management hierarchy and reporting structure
- Financial procedures and controls
- Risk management
- Policies & Procedures ( of which a comprehensive review was undertaken in February 2024).

Collectively these policies, procedures, key documents and management arrangements ensure that the Charity is run in an efficient and effective manner in compliance with legislation and in accordance with its aims and objectives.

During 2024/2025 a business plan will be produced. This will be monitored ‘plan through regular reporting against key performance indicators.

**Trustees**

The Centre’s trust deed governs the appointment of it’s trustees and the management of the Charity. All trustees retire at the AGM and are either re-elected, re-appointed (in the case of Parish Council trustees) or replaced. The trustees form the Management Committee and have the power to co-opt a further 2 trustees from user groups. The trust deed permits the appointment of up to 4 appointed Parish Council trustees and up to 7 community trustees.

Trustees			
Ian Sewell	resigned 12.12.23	Chairperson	community trustee
Jenny Tindale		Vice-Chairperson	Parish Council appointee
Ron Thornton		Treasurer	Parish Council appointee
Yvonne Sewell	resigned 12.12.23	Secretary	Community trustee
Cath Cuthbertson			community trustee
Liz Leightley			community trustee
Ron Straughan			community trustee
Jacqueline Wilson			community trustee
Brenda Forrest			user group trustee
Len Smith			user group trustee
Dawn Crosby			Parish Council appointee
Keith Scantlebury			Parish Council appointee

**Insurance**

East Bedlington Parish Council are responsible for insuring the refurbished building and under the terms of the sub-lease East Bedlington Community Centre must reimburse the premium incurred by the Council. The contents of the building are insured directly by the Centre and the policy is underwritten by Hiscox.

## STAFF

Stacey Price

James Hunter

Natalie Cummings

Gemma Simm

Centre Manager

Caretaker

Cleaner

Facilities Assistant



## Funding

The centre continues to receive an unrestricted grant of £5,960 from East Bedlington Parish Council. A further £1,000 was granted from ALDI Winter Warmer Fund to support the Welcome Hub.

East Bedlington Community Centre

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024



## East Bedlington Community Centre

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17 June 2024

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*M. Slaughter.*

*MIKE SLAUGHTER - AUDITOR*

*21 October 2024*

**East Bedlington Community Centre**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	56,291	61,968
Operating Costs	(130,902)	(90,438)
Other Expenditure	(965)	(1,591)
<b>Net Incoming Resources for Period</b>	<u>(75,576)</u>	<u>(30,061)</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
<b>Net Incoming Resources for Period</b>	<u>(75,576)</u>	<u>(30,061)</u>

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## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	1	880,187 ✓	920,199
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	2	8,407 ✓	17,682
Cash at bank and in hand		66,682 ✓	87,967
		<u>75,089</u>	<u>105,649</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	3	(12,165) ✓	(7,159)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>62,924 ✓</u>	<u>98,490</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>943,111 ✓</u>	<u>1,018,689</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account		943,111	1,018,689
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		<u>943,111</u>	<u>1,018,689</u>



**East Bedlington Community Centre  
Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>At 1 April 2022</b>	1,048,750	1,048,750
Net Incoming Resources	(30,061)	(30,061)
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<u>1,018,689</u>	<u>1,018,689</u>
<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	1,018,687	1,018,687
Net Incoming Resources	(75,576)	(75,576)
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>943,111</u>	<u>943,111</u>

**East Bedlington Community Centre**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1 Tangible Fixed Assets**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and Buildings	over 30 years
Fixtures and Fittings	20%

<b>2</b>	<b>Land and buildings</b>	<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2023	1,194,676	114,580	1,309,256
Additions	-	365	365
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,194,676</u>	<u>114,945</u>	<u>1,309,621</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2023	276,887	112,170	389,057
Charge for the year	39,822	555	40,377
At 31 March 2024	<u>316,709</u>	<u>112,725</u>	<u>429,434</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>877,967</u>	<u>2,220</u>	<u>880,187</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>917,789</u>	<u>2,410</u>	<u>920,199</u>

<b>3 Debtors</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	<u>8,407</u>	<u>17,682</u>
<b>4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	<u>12,165</u>	<u>7,159</u>

**East Bedlington Community Centre**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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for the year ended 31 March 2024

The schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>	10572	12765
Grants & Donations	37669	43363
Room Hire	8050	5840
Rent	56291	61968
<b>Operating Costs:</b>	51,564	25,224
Salaries	3,322	80
Other Salaries	95	-
Pensions	-	-
Staff training and welfare	54,981	25,304
Expenses		
<b>Utilities:</b>	2,820	3,566
Gas	6,040	5,672
Electric	889	847
Water	1,562	1,625
Telephone	11,311	11,710
<b>General Administrative Expenses:</b>	3,487	3,281
Insurance: Public/Employer Liability	946	1,819
Software	15,135	3,380
repairs and maintenance	40,377	40,485
Depreciation	59,945	48,965
<b>Running Costs:</b>	-	-
Rent - 15 Station Street	238	1,603
Training	1,435	1,223
Janitorial	1,067	1,388
Licences	1,592	200
Printing & Stationery	288	200
Auditor	45	45
Subscriptions	4,665	4,659
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	130,902	90,438
<b>Other Expenditure</b>	965	1,591
Misc.	-	-
Tea Dances		

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