

# EAST BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024- 2025



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Charity registration no:  
1150904  
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## Message from the Chair

Throughout the financial challenges of 2024 / 2025 the Centre has continued to retain key community providers and organise a range of activities for young and older people living in and around East Bedlington. The Trustees are faced with renewed fiscal challenges in 2025-26 with increases in salary costs, utilities and insurances.

We have provided accommodation for Northumberland County Council Alternative Curriculum pupils and drama facilities for Cleaswell Hill Special School.

Youth club provision has been well received and the school holiday provision has proved very popular with all sessions fully booked.

We note thanks to Cath Cuthbertson who stood down in February as a Trustee due to ill health. Cath had made a huge contribution to the success of the Welcome Hub and we wish her well for the future. Liz Leightly also stood down as a Trustee but remains part of the team volunteering on a weekly basis.

Developing the social inclusion offer from the Centre has been important to the Board and we offer thanks to Jacqui Wilson who has developed a successful 'Bingo and Butty' session for our local community. We have also continued to host Bedlington Station Library Service ensuring that local people can still have access to reading materials at all ages.

The Board must also note thanks to East Bedlington Parish Council for their unwavering support, which has allowed the Centre to remain stable through what has proved to be a challenging year and sow the seeds for growth and development.

*Keith Scantlebury*

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.

**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	
Keith Scantlebury	Chair - Appointed Trustee
Ron Thornton	Treasurer - Community Trustee
Len Smith	User Group Trustee
Keith Grimes	Appointed Trustee
Jenny Tindale	Secretary - Appointed Trustee
Ron Straughan	Community Trustee
Jacqueline Wilson	Community Trustee
Liz Lightly ( resigned Feb 25	Community Trustee
Cath Cuthbertson (resigned Feb 25)	Community Trustee
Dawn Crosby	Appointed Trustee

**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. The Centre holds public liability and employers liability insurance cover of £10,000,000

## 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 Communities Together Hardship Fund to support the Welcome Hub and a grant of £ 6385 was received from County Councillor Alex Wallace Members Local Improvement Schemes to support the replacement of lighting in the main hall.

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Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

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*M. SLAUGHTER*

*MIKE SLAUGHTER - AUDITOR*

*18 November 2025*



**East Bedlington Community Centre**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	72,060	56,291
Operating Costs	(131,783)	(130,902)
Other Expenditure	(2,272)	(965)
<b>Net Incoming Resources for Period</b>	<u>(61,995)</u>	<u>(75,576)</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
<b>Net Incoming Resources for Period</b>	<u>(61,995)</u>	<u>(75,576)</u>

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## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	1	839,810	880,187
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	2	17,298	8,407
Cash at bank and in hand		41,327	66,682
		58,625	75,089
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	3	(17,319)	(12,165)
<b>Net current assets</b>		41,306	62,924
<b>Net assets</b>		881,116	943,111
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account		881,116	943,111
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		881,116	943,111



**East Bedlington Community Centre  
Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<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>
<b>At 1 April 2024</b>	943,111	943,111
Net Incoming Resources	(61,995)	(61,995)
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>881,116</u>	<u>881,116</u>

**East Bedlington Community Centre**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**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%

**2**

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	1,194,676	114,945	1,309,621
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,194,676</u>	<u>114,945</u>	<u>1,309,621</u> ✓
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	316,709	112,725	429,434
Charge for the year	39,822	555	40,377
At 31 March 2025	<u>356,531</u>	<u>113,280</u>	<u>469,811</u> ✓
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>838,145</u> ✓	<u>1,665</u> ✓	<u>839,810</u> ✓
At 31 March 2024	<u>877,967</u>	<u>2,220</u>	<u>880,187</u>

**3 Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>17,298</u> ✓	<u>8,407</u>

**4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	<u>17,319</u> ✓	<u>12,165</u>

**East Bedlington Community Centre**  
**Detailed profit and loss account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	72,060 ✓	56,291 ✓
Operating Costs	(131,783) ✓	(130,902) ✓
Other Expenditure	(2,272) ✓	(965) ✓
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*This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts*

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>		
Grants & Donations	✓ 13,360 ✓	11,062
Room Hire	✓ 50,880 ✓	37,669
Rent	✓ 7,820 ✓	8,050
Other	-	(490)
	<u>72,060 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>56,291 ✓</u>
<b>Operating Costs</b>		
<b>Salaries:</b>		
Other Salaries	✓ 60,204 ✓	54,886 ✓
Pensions	✓ 1,943 ✓	95 ✓
Staff training and welfare	✓ 1,907 ✓	-
	<u>64,054 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>54,981 ✓</u>
<b>Utilities:</b>		
Gas	✓ 2,734 ✓	2,820 ✓
Electric	✓ 8,708 ✓	6,040 ✓
Water	✓ 1,139 ✓	889 ✓
Telephone	✓ 1,833 ✓	1,562 ✓
	<u>14,414 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>11,311 ✓</u>
<b>General administrative expenses:</b>		
Insurance: Public/Employer Liability	✓ 3,787 ✓	3,487 ✓
Software	✓ 1,359 ✓	946 ✓
Repairs and maintenance	✓ 3,581 ✓	14,988 ✓
Depreciation	✓ 40,377 ✓	40,377 ✓
Bad debts	-	147 ✓
	<u>49,104 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>59,945 ✓</u>
<b>Running Costs:</b>		
Training	-	238 ✓
Janitorial	✓ 1,652 ✓	1,240 ✓
Licences	✓ 1,424 ✓	1,067 ✓
Printing & Stationery	✓ 777 ✓	1,592 ✓
Auditor	✓ 313 ✓	288 ✓
Subscriptions	✓ 45 ✓	45 ✓
Badges and Uniforms	-	195 ✓
	<u>4,211 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>4,665 ✓</u>
<b><u>Total Operating Costs</u></b>	<u>131,783 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>130,902 ✓</u>
<b><u>Other Expenditure</u></b>		
Misc	✓ 1,000 ✓	965 ✓
Tea Dances	-	-
Food Bank	1,272 ✓	-
	<u>2,272 ✓ ✓</u>	<u>965 ✓</u>

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