



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

Day 11Month 3Year 2024

To

Day 26Month 3Year 2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Whickham Community Centre

Other names charity is known by

Whickham Community Association

Registered charity number (if any)

1152975

Charity's principal address

Front street

Whickham

Newcastle upon Tyne

Postcode NE16 4JL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Johnson	Chairperson		WCC Members
2	Cheryl Mallaby	Secretary		
3	Phyllis King	Treasurer		
4	Carol Williams			
5	Roy Elwood	Vice Chair		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg appointed by, elected by)</small>	Members

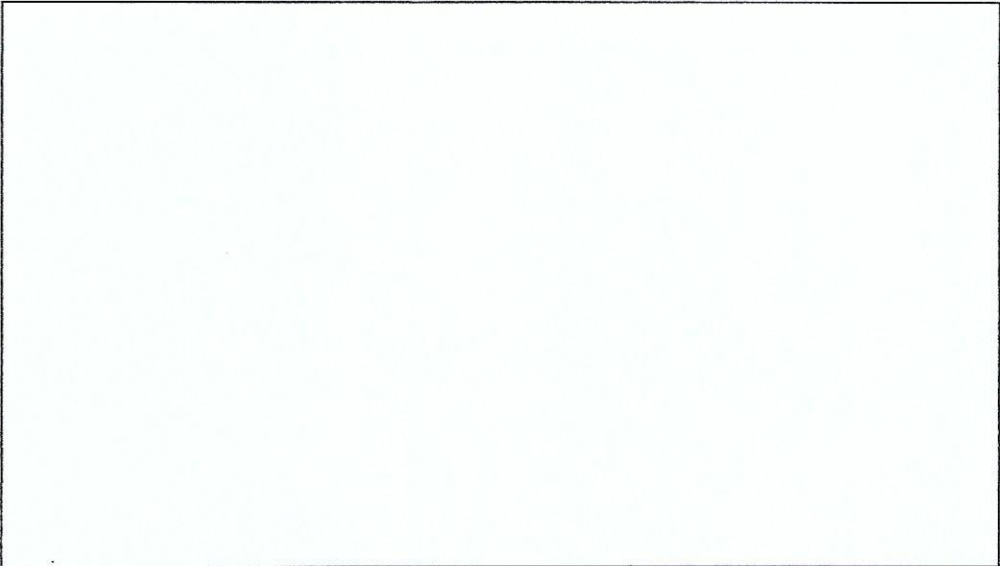
**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<u>Aims</u>
* To provide the best possible educational/ social opportunities for all
* To value all people equally regardless of age, gender, ethnic background, class Or ability
* To encourage people to be involved in the running of activities and the Centre
* To work in partnership with & develop links with other agencies with the same aims
* To deliver good practice
* Fund raising and deciding how it should be used
* Making available information and access to building and equipment
* Assessing needs and where possible meeting them
* To maximize the use of facilities to the benefit of the wider community
* To maximize the commitment & interest of the community





**Section C                      Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

**Objectives**

To further or benefit the residents of Whickham and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objectives

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The groups below meet in the centre either daily/ weekly, fortnightly or monthly  
Pre-school Group / Chi Me / Yoga / Kumon / Floral Art Club / Women's Institute / Whickham Local History Society/ Italian language/ Spanish language/ French language /Dancercise /Thursday Women's Group /Tai Chi Photographic Group/ Keep fit / Rail enthusiast group/ Church / Various support groups / Elections / school group

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- Contribution made by volunteers.

## **Section D Achievements and performance**

**The greatest achievement this year has been to survive the challenges set first by the rise in essential spending ie; gas & electricity / essential repairs and sustaining the centre for the future.**

**The second is managing to sustain the centre and continue to offer affordable space to meet for the local and surrounding community**

**Third being, adapting to a new way of working while still providing a venue to assist in leisure and education for the wider community.**

**Sustaining the cost of Defibrillator on the outside wall of the Community Centre which has been used on a number of occasions so has proven to be a benefit to local people.**



Section D	Achievements and performance
<b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</b>	<p>The centre hosts many local charity events and works closely with the local school providing a much needed space for extra curriculum events.</p> <p>The centre works closely with Rotary, Local Church's and The Salvation Army and has been able to support the help given to the most vulnerable.</p> <p><b>Elections</b></p> <p>The centre continue to support one to one meetings for vulnerable people</p> <p>Rising costs of repair and maintenance is an ongoing challenge</p> <p>The centre is liable for all costs including caretaking and maintenance. Trustees have had to factor that consideration into the way decisions are made.</p> <p>The Trustees and Centre continue to have an extremely challenging year due to the aftermath of Covid 19 many community groups have unfortunately ceased to exist. This has been a challenge to keep the Centre safe and in good repair while trying to maintain affordable letting charges.</p> <p>However providing affordable letting charges is a commitment the Trustees believe in to sustain the centre for the future wellbeing of the Community.</p> <p>Unfortunately It's continuing to be extremely challenging due to the massive increase in heating, lighting and maintenance overall.</p> <p>This year the centre has had to replace Central heating Boiler, replace water pump in cellar, new tea making water boiler, new main hot water boiler and carry out roof repairs. This is added essential spending on top of the normal yearly expenditure on safety checks.</p>

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Reserves are to be best used to maintain the centre and ensure its sustainability in the future

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal funds are raised by the letting of rooms and community fundraising events.

Trustees have been forced, due to rising costs of maintaining the building, to increase letting fees this year

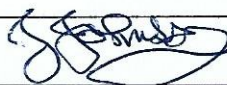
## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**




**Full name(s)**

John Johnson

Cheryl Mallaby

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair

Secretary

**Date**

26/03/25



# Whickham Community Centre

## Balancesheet as at December 25

Assets		2024	2025
Lloyds Bank Current Account	£	18,683.37	41497.78
Premier Interest account	£	20,526.46	5715.07
Premier Interest account 2	£	60,000.00	£ 60,000.00
Cash in Hand	£	277.81	391.09
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>99,487.64</b>	<b>£ 107,603.94</b>
 General Fund	 £	 39,487.64	 £ 39,487.64
Deficit / Surplus year	£	15,841.52	£ 8,116.30
	£	39,487.64	£ 47,603.94
 Building Fund	 £	 60,000.00	 £ 60,000.00
 <b>Total</b>	 £	 99,487.64	 £ 107,603.94
 <b>Surplus</b>			 £ 8,116.30

### Treasurer

*G. Williams*

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 I have received the information & explanations necessary for my audit.  
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### Auditor

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## Income

Letting fees	£	37,782.00
members Fees	£	27.50
donations	£	520.00
Bank Interest	£	1,148.93

**Total**                    £     **39,478.43**

**surplus**                    £     **8,116.30**

## Expenditure

Electricity	£	3,801.26
Gas	£	6,591.10
Windows	£	220.00
Telephone & internet	£	2,368.48
Cleaning Aids	£	282.03
postage	£	68.45
Stationery & ink	£	114.40
Water Rates	£	590.50
Centre Manager	£	5,242.20
Caretaker	£	8,423.60
inland rev	£	1,390.65
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