

BLACKHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1153529

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ESTABLISH AND RUN A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BLACKHILL, CONSETT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT ON IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: To establish a community centre and to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Blackhill, Consett the provision of facilities for education, recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,461	£30,803	-	-
2023-12-31	£16,018	£13,286	-	-
2022-12-31	£11,917	£22,505	-	-
2021-12-31	£23,434	£9,216	-	-
2020-12-31	£18,194	£15,391	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Worters B ARCH	Chair	2016-04-11
DOROTHY AMY HEDLEY		2013-07-03
John David Arbon		2025-11-03
John Toner		2016-04-11
KATHLEEN FENWICK SLATER		2016-04-11
Patricia Lesley Clark		2022-06-18
WILLIAM TURNBULL		2016-04-11

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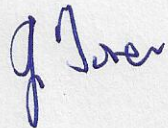
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Receipts and Payments 01/01/2024 to 31/03/2025

Bank Balance as 01/01/2024.		<u>£26653.68 confirmed to Bank Statement</u>
Receipts	add	£19,460.52. >. £46,114.20.
Cash Receipts Misc items	add	£ 73.68 >. £46,187.88
Payments	minus	£30,802.81. >. £15385.07
Bank Balance as 31/03/2025.		<u>£15385.07 confirmed to Bank Statement</u>

Signed Treasurer.



Signed Chairman



Signed Inspector



ANDREW HEMBSAL .

BLACKHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS FROM 01/01/2024 TO 31/03/2025											
	GARAGE RENT	HIRE CHARGES	GRANTS	TOTAL							
Jan-24	85.00	737.66		822.66							
Feb-24	85.00	822.00		907							
Mar-24	85.00	634.00		719							
Apr-24	85.00	1235.61	5000	6320.61							
May-24	85.00	1568.00		1653							
Jun-24	85.00	1291.00		1376							
Jul-24	85.00	314.00		399							
Aug-24	85.00	570.00		655							
Sep-24	85.00	848.00		933							
Oct-24	85.00	1133.85		1218.85							
Nov-24	85.00	957.00		1042							
Dec-24	85.00	614.00		699							
Jan-25	85.00	658.00		743							
Feb-25	85.00	518.00		603							
Mar-25	100.00	1269.40		1369.4							
TOTAL	1290.00	13170.52	5000	19460.52							

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PAYMENTS FROM 01/01/2024 TO 31/03/2025												
	Repairs/ Service/ Upgrades	Wages	Gas	Electricity	Phone Intranet	Water	Banner Cleaning	Compliance Tests	Insurance	Spare Keys	TOTAL	
Jan-24		320.80		105.49	28.74						455.03	
Feb-24		401.00		112.08	29.05	124.84					666.97	
Mar-24	54.74	240.60	457.84	103.8	30.24						887.22	
Apr-24	274.00	401.00	2316.04	111.12	33.31			384			3519.47	
May-24	48.60	401.00	388.80	93.2	36.16						967.76	
Jun-24		320.80	230.28	95.32	32.53	40.44		108.96			828.33	
Jul-24		320.80	16.65	84.9	33.47		44.09				499.91	
Aug-24	8941.26	420.00	14.00	84.48	32.53	159.21	10.72				9662.2	
Sep-24	630.40	336.00	130.67	75.17	32.84						1205.08	
Oct-24		420.00		86.31	32.53					18	556.84	
Nov-24		336.00	433.93	116.57	32.53	124.06		156	374.85		1573.94	
Dec-24	262.50	336.00	275.67		32.53		11.53	902.4			1820.63	
Jan-25		420.00	614.66	309.78	32.53						1376.97	
Feb-25		336.00	871.46		32.53		27	28.62			1295.61	
Mar-25	3780.00	336.00	951.69	232.65	35.63	77.2					5413.17	
TOTAL	13991.5	5346.00	6701.69	1610.87	487.15	525.75	27	1551.36	374.85	18	30729.13	
TOTAL							CASH USED FOR PURCHASE FROM CASH RECEIPTS				73.68	
											30802.81	

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ANNUAL REPORT for June 2022 to June 2023

The Committee

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The committee met in June, August, October and November 2022 and in January and March 2023, with between five and eight members present.

Users

Currently there are 18 regular sessions held at the centre, mostly on a weekly basis, although some only take place during school term time. During the year the Shotley Bridge and Blackhill ladies' group ceased to meet and the Friday Art class ceased, although hopefully, the latter will return at some later date. Nearly half of the sessions were organised through the Blackhill Methodist Church, who now hold their Sunday service of worship at the centre. They also organise monthly Saturday coffee mornings, which are very well attended.

Other one-off or short course bookings included Little Movers, briefly, Harrogate and District NHS Trust Youth Service, children's birthday parties, a photo shoot, Derwentside Singers, a band practice and an Easter Market.

The Community Centre building

Between July and September 2022 the boiler house was flooded three times due to a faulty drain. This incurred substantial repairs to the drain and replacement of damaged parts to the two boilers. The cost of this was eventually recovered through the property insurance.

We also had repointing and repairs carried out to the boundary walls, including the lowering of a wall which had originally been part of the school outside toilets.

Within the building, we have installed a water heater in the disabled toilet and had other minor repairs to the toilets. We have disposed of a number of the older chairs and cabinets in the centre. The former have been replaced by chairs brought in by the Methodist Church.

Finance

The accounts for the end of December 2022 show an excess of expenditure over income of about £10,600. This was largely due to the cost of repairing the damage caused by the flooding in the basement and the broken drainage.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS y.e. 31st December 2023

Receipts	£ 16,018.52
Payments	£ 13,286.44
Receipts less payments	£ 2,732.08
Balance b/f	£ <u>23,922.24</u>
c/f	£ <u>26,654.32</u>

Signed: Treasurer.....

Chairman.....

Inspector.....

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RECEIPTS y.e. 31st DECEMBER 2023

D.C.C. Refund (insurance)	£ 6,777.24
Hire charges	£ 1,663.00
Methodist Church	£ 3,044.00
Rent from groups	£ 4,514.00
Donations	<u>£20.28</u>
	<hr/> <u>£ 16,018.52</u>

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PAYMENTS y.e. 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Repairs	£ 2,829.40
Wages	£ 4,170.40
Gas	£ 2,505.95
Electric	£ 1,050.90
Phone & internet	£ 305.80
Water	£ 352.69
Water heater	£ 180.00
Redecoration	£ 300.00
Printer ink	£ 55.99
Scrap removal	£ 40.00
Banner	£ 18.00
Cleaning	£ 23.22
Post	£ 11.44
Replacements	£38.39
Compliance tests	£ 1047.95
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021/22: for AGM 13 June 2022

The last AGM was held on 29 June 2021. The meeting re elected John Worters as chair, Amy Hedley as Treasurer and Kathleen Slater as secretary. Six other members of the committee were elected. The committee met seven times during the course of the year.

USE OF THE CENTRE

With the relaxation of Covid rules in May, June and July 2021 there was a gradual resumption of activities at the community centre through the year.

In the early part of the year two permitted groups, Kalma Life mother and toddler group and – in the yard – Rainbows, met, although both of these have now ceased to use the centre. During the spring the Wednesday and Friday art groups, Taekwondo class, Guitar group and Skills through Leisure craft group resumed.

However, the big increase in activity was with the arrival in August and September of the Shotley Bridge and Blackhill Methodist Church and their associated activities. The church is using the centre while their own building is being rebuilt.

In October the bridge club and Shotley Bridge and Blackhill Ladies group resumed, followed by the Tuesday art and calligraphy classes in January 2022. Three groups, Ladies bingo, Derwentside Emotional Women's Support and Karate, have not resumed. We now have 17 regular activity sessions, mostly on a weekly basis.

In addition, we have had a number of one-off or short-term bookings including children's birthday parties and a funeral. In the autumn the Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust used the centre for some of their youth activities. Karbon Homes organised two Easter holiday events in the centre for local children.

We continue to publicise the centre's facilities and activities through the Action Area Partnership's DerwentValleyLife website and Durham County Council's Locate website. In addition, we have prepared a simple leaflet for distribution, spelling out the various activities that people can join and the hall and rooms available for hire.

BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The committee continued to fulfil its responsibilities with regard to "compliance" in the regular maintenance of the boilers and central heating controls, emergency lighting, fire fighting equipment, the automatic doors and the roller shutter. Call-outs were necessary for a failed emergency light and a boiler fault.

Problems had been experienced in the delivery of mail when the centre was predominantly closed during lockdown. To overcome this, the post box was moved from the hall to outside the main entrance.

The committee has been discussing two improvements which we plan to undertake in 2022. These are the installation of an electric water heater in the disabled toilets and the repointing of the boundary walls to the yard.

We continue to be in dispute with Engie, our gas and electricity supplier. Since the start of a new contract in October 2021, they have been charging us VAT at 20%, rather than 5% and also the Climate Change Levy of 5%. They have also addressed invoices to “Amy Hedley trading as Blackhill Community Association”. None of these are appropriate for us as a registered charity. We continue to withhold payment until these issues are resolved.

FINANCE

Although our income from user groups and other lettings has been low, we have benefitted greatly from government grants which have been available during lockdown and reopening, leading to a very healthy balance in our bank account.

John Worters

Chair, Blackhill Community Association

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS Y.E. 2021

Receipts	23,433.71
Payments	<u>9,216.23</u>
Receipts less payments	14,217.48
Balance b/f	£ <u>20,293.18</u>
	<u>£34,510.66</u>

Signed Treasurer

Chairman

Inspector

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Receipts Y.E. December 2021

D.C.C. Grants (COVID)	19,335.21
Rent from groups	1,950.00
Hire charges	<u>2,148.50</u>
	<u>£23,433.71</u>

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PAYMENTS Y.E. 2021

Wages	3,286.00
Electricity	546.63
Gas	2,075.66
Compliance tests	865.80
Repairs	1,103.45
Water	315.09
Insurance	312.60
Covid compliance	53.84
Allison Heating	216.00
Telephone	280.68
Cleaning	121.75
Postage	15.84
Computer ink	17.50
Sundry	<u>5.39</u>
	<u>£9,216.23</u>

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ANNUAL REPORT - May 2019 to May 2020

The last Annual General Meeting of the Community Association was held on 20 May 2019. The meeting re-elected John Worters as chair, Amy Hedley as treasurer and Kathleen Slater as secretary, together with an executive committee of a further six members. Up to the start of the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020, the committee had met on seven occasions since the AGM. On 23 March, with the introduction of lockdown, the Centre was closed altogether and all activities ceased until September.

Prior to lockdown, the Centre continued to be well used, the number of groups using the building remaining largely consistent throughout the year. 18 different organisations, local groups and classes used the centre on a regular basis, holding up to a total of 21 sessions each term time week. Ingeus made considerable use of the Centre, delivering sessions addressing the prevention of diabetes. In addition, there has been a number of one-off bookings for parties and meetings.

The Association held a Winter Fayre on Saturday 16 November. As usual, several of the regular user groups and other volunteers organised and manned stalls and provided refreshments. £433 was raised towards the running of the Centre, slightly less than last year's fayre. Particular thanks should go to Shotley Bridge and Blackhill Ladies group, the Bingo ladies and Blackhill Art Group for their contributions.

"Compliance" requirements continue to be attended to. These include the regular maintenance of the boiler and its controls, emergency lighting, the roller shutter, automatic doors and firefighting equipment as well as maintaining a water hygiene risk assessment and an asbestos management plan. Extra cost was incurred for the five-year fixed wire testing. The committee had lengthy discussion about the automatic entrance doors. These have required some expensive repairs in recent years, as the control mechanism was obsolete. Having initially decided to replace them with manual doors, we finally chose to retain the automatic doors, replacing the operating mechanism.

Finance: There has been a substantial increase in the year-end balance for 2019, primarily due to a significant increase in income from the letting of rooms. On the expenditure side, an increase in the regular compliance costs, mainly as a result of the five-year fixed wiring test, was more than offset by a decrease in other costs, including public utilities.

As always, we need to maintain our income, primarily from room lettings and hire charges, to cover the cost of running and maintaining the building. The major costs are heating and lighting the building, cleaner's wages and compliance requirements.

The Association will continue to regularly review hire charges and look at ways of increasing the profile of the Centre, the existing activities and facilities and attracting new users.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR MAY 2020 TO MAY 2021

Use of the community centre this year was significantly curtailed by the pandemic and the lockdowns that have been in place since March 2020.

The committee met in August and September 2020 and again in May 2021, but the AGM planned for September 2020 was deferred indefinitely.

After the initial lockdown and cessation of all activities in March 2020 there was a partial reopening and resumption in September 2020. This required putting in place a range of measures. New Covid-19 Conditions of Hire and a Centre Risk Assessment were prepared. Sanitiser stations and posters, including those for "Track and Trace" were installed at the two entrances. An extra cleaning regime, carried out by both the centre's cleaner and individual users, came into force and all upholstered chairs were removed from use.

The users resuming from September 2020 until the further lockdown at Christmas were Taekwondo, Rainbows (in the yard), Karate and Kalma Baby. Kalma Baby was able to resume again in April 2021, but other users were not able to restart until May 2021.

During the year, a number of repairs and improvements to the building were carried out. These included repairs to two leaks in the central heating pipes, repointing to the coping and upper walls of the back porch, installation of new mechanism of the auto doors at the front entrance and repair and painting some plasterwork in the hall and Art room. In addition, the carpets in the Art room and Lounge were cleaned.

While the income from hire of the centre was greatly reduced this year, the Association has benefitted greatly from Government grants which were available during lockdown and reopening. This allowed us to continue with the necessary Compliance measures throughout the year.

JHW May 2021.

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PAYMENTS Y.E. DECEMBER 2020

Wages	2,982.50
Electricity	933.86
Gas	3,776.34
Compliance tests	1,252.20
Repairs	1,989.84
Water	239.34
Insurance	300.00
Covid compliance	165.25
Garden	472.00
Door Support	2,728.79
Allison Heating service	216.00
Telephone	272.89
Cleaning	27.94
Postage	30.60
Sundry	<u>3.50</u>
	<u>£ 15,391.05</u>