

DUNSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1155927

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-02-25

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF DUNSTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; AND TO MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DUNSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE OR TO CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF, DUNSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE.

Activities: To offer a wide range of sporting, leisure and learning opportunities to benefit the physical and mental well-being of people living in the Dunston community, as well as the wider Gateshead community, regardless of age, sex, religion, political persuasion or physical and mental abilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gateshead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£46,369	£38,342	-	-
2024-12-31	£47,871	£41,716	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,565	£24,877	-	-
2022-12-31	£23,176	£19,113	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,470	£34,241	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allison Thompson		2018-09-25
BRIAN LOWERY (CHAIR)		2014-01-28
Brenda Clelland		2013-01-01
DOREEN WILSON		2014-01-28
David Stephenson		2022-09-01
Dorothy Burnett		2018-09-25
GARY ROBERT HALEY		2014-01-28
JOHN KEITH LEE		2014-01-28

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Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Secretary: Brenda Clelland
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Dunston Community Centre – Trustees' Report 2025

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Once again, Dunston Community Centre was able to start the year in a sound financial position, with a healthy bank balance and confidence in our ability to maintain a full programme of activities, increase footfall and usage of the centre by the community.

Trustees have reviewed our core values and, responding to local needs, agreed to maintain our focus of bringing people together in a warm and welcoming space, as a positive contribution to the wellbeing of people in our community, and reducing isolation especially for older people. We have been able to continue our policy of supporting groups which meet these objectives – but which might not be stand-alone financially viable – thanks in particular to the rental income derived from HomeCare North East (who also kindly donated a defibrillator, sited on an external wall, and which we know has been used at least three times), together with consistent rental income from groups like Taikwando and Dunston Silver Band which pay relatively commercial rates to hire our space. We are very grateful to them for their continued support. And also delighted to be able to note that both Taikwando and the Dunston Silver Band have won regional and national awards!

Virtually every evening is booked and weekends are full too. This activity is thanks to our partnership with Treats on the Tyne (formerly Riverside Delight) which continues to prove highly effective and mutually beneficial.

Thanks to grants from Community Foundation and Awards for All, we have been able to continue to support our Ladies Afternoon Social, a group which offers not only the chance to socialise but also to share food together. Grants have not only enabled the food offer to continue but has also allowed us to offer day trips to local castle and coastlines in a celebration of our local heritage. Thanks to background information from our local history group, we've not only been able to enjoy our days out – and for some, these days out proved to be a significant break – but also appreciate the historical significance of our destinations. The grant support has also enabled us to continue to provide lunches for the Guitars for Geezers, a group of male pensioners whose love of music also facilitates discussions about physical and mental health issues, and breakfasts for our toddler groups. It has been particularly useful for this group to have the support of a child support worker from the Gateshead Family Hub, leading story time and craft sessions.

None of this success would be possible without the help and support of our many volunteers – Val, Mary and Jill in particular, to whom we are very grateful. And we marked, with great sadness, the passing of one of our stalwart supporters, Norma Stephenson

Governance has proved as effective as always. Trustees have reviewed all policies, updating where required and have received Safeguarding training. Regular meetings have been resumed, and the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary meet weekly to discuss issues.

**Brenda Clelland
Secretary**

February 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2025

Charity no 1155927

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 12th February 2026

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
Address: 42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	Total £	2024 Total
Receipts					
Grants & Donations	4		19220	19220	16630
Rents		24234		24234	27011
Fund Raising		2165		2165	3540
Bank Interest		750		750	690
Total Receipts		27149	19220	46369	47871
Payments					
Wages & National Insurance	5	3907		3907	4082
Water		2358		2358	966
Heat & Light		3560		3560	3549
Refurbishment & Maintenance		7250		7250	10373
Telephone		611		611	786
Office & Centre Expenses		6115		6115	6099
Grant Activities			12441	12441	13570
Christmas Lunch				0	516
Insurance	7	1600		1600	1295
Audit & Accountancy	6	500		500	480
Total Payments		25901	12441	38342	41716
Surplus/Deficit for the period		1248	6779	8027	6155
Transfer Between Funds		4500	-4500	0	0
Funds at 1 January 2025		116109	3060	119169	113014
Total Funds at 31 December 2025		121857	5339	127196	119169

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Current Assets			
Current Account		38874	62463
Deposit Account		35772	3179
Virgin Deposit Account		54150	53411
Cash in Hand		0	116
Net Assets at 31 December 2025		128796	119169
Current Liabilities	7	-1600	
Total Funds at 31 December 2025		127196	119169
Represented by :			
Building & Maintenance Reserve	9	55000	55000
Free Reserves		69136	61109
Restricted Funds	8	3060	3060
Total Funds		127196	119169

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee:

Signed..... Position.....

Signed..... Position.....

Date

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Notes to the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2025

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Dunston Community Centre Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- 2 Dunston Community Centre Ltd is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, Registration no 1155927.
It is governed by a management committee.
- 3 No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year.

4 Grants Received:	
Community Foundation	9,220
Awards for All	10,000
Total Grants Received	19,220

- 5 Total Salary & NI costs for 2025 were **£3,907**.
- 6 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £530.

- 7 **Current Liabilities**
Allowance for Insurance £1,600.

8 Restricted Funds	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	Jan 2025			Dec 2025
The National Lottery Community Fund	3060		3060	0
Community Foundation		9220	6950	2270
Awards for All		10000	6931	3069
Total	3060	19220	16941	5339

- 9 The Management Committee, as is good financial practice, designated funds to help with the upkeep of the building. The amount will be reviewed annually, currently set at £55,000. This is the Building & Maintenance Fund.

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Dunston Community Centre has weathered the challenges posed by Covid and Lockdowns. It has been a year both of resilience and growth, solidifying our financial stability and embarking upon new activities designed to fulfil our mission of offering opportunities to the local community to live happier, healthier and more fulfilled lives. Whilst we have sadly lost some groups over the year, our toddler groups remain well-attended and we have greatly expanded the Ladies' Tuesday Afternoon Socials which now not only offer a warm space but also a tasty, nutritious meal plus a programme of coach excursions to a variety of destinations including a pantomime and a Christmas Dinner, and Guitars for Geezers so, overall, our footfall has increased.

We've been delighted too, to be able to continue to work in partnership with other organisations to deliver projects that have positive benefits for local people such as diabetes prevention and post-diagnostic care for instance. We value our partnership with HomeCare North East and were very grateful for their kind donation of a defibrillator for public use which is now located in our entrance. Big thanks too, to Mace Nakeeb as our partnership with Treats by the Tyne continues to give us administrative help as well as access to delicious sandwiches, cakes and pastries. And, working with local councillors and MP we ran workshop sessions on benefits available for pensioners after the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance.

Finally, none of these positive benefits could have been achieved without the help and support of our many volunteers – Val, Mary and Jill in particular. It was sad to see our most stalwart volunteer, Betty Lamb – auntie Betty to three generations of local people – finally hang up her pinny after 50 years of volunteering and working at the Centre, during which she has raised thousands of pounds. Even this year, fairs and coffee mornings organised by Betty raised £10000.

Once again, Trustees are confident that Dunston Community Centre has delivered accessible activities and opportunities which enrich the lives of the local individuals and families

Governance has proved as effective as always. Trustees have reviewed all policies, updating where required and have received Safeguarding training. Regular meetings have been resumed, and the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary meet weekly to discuss issues.

**Brenda Clelland
Secretary**

February 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no 1155927

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Signed:



Date: 6th February 2025

Name:
Address:

Mark Thompson MAAT
42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

**Receipts & Payments Account
1 January to 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	Total £	2023 Total
Receipts					
Grants & Donations	4		16630	16630	2140
Rents		27011		27011	21578
Fund Raising		3540		3540	4423
Bank Interest		690		690	564
Total Receipts		31241	16630	47871	28705
Payments					
Wages & National Insurance	5	4082		4082	6235
Water		966		966	1311
Heat & Light	6	3549		3549	3082
Refurbishment & Maintenance		10373		10373	7604
Telephone		786		786	552
Office & Centre Expenses		6099		6099	3893
Grant Activities			13570	13570	6132
Christmas Lunch		516		516	593
Insurance		1295		1295	1127
Audit & Accountancy	7	480		480	480
Total Payments		28146	13570	41716	31009
Surplus/Deficit for the period		3095	3060	6155	-2304
Transfer Between Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 January 2024		113014	0	113014	115318
Total Funds at 31 December 2024		116109	3060	119169	113014

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024	2023
Current Assets			
Current Account		62463	60038
Deposit Account		3179	
Virgin Deposit Account		53411	52826
Cash in Hand		116	150
Net Assets at 31 December 2024		119169	113014
Total Funds at 31 December 2024		119169	113014
Represented by :			
Building & Maintenance Reserve	9	55000	55000
Free Reserves		61109	58014
Restricted Funds	8	3060	0
Total Funds		119169	113014

The financial statements were approved by the following members
of the Management Committee:

Signed B. Lawrence Position CHAIR

Signed Fred de la Position SECRETARY

Date 12 FEBRUARY 2025.

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

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4 Grants Received:

The National Lottery Community Fund	16,630
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Total Grants Received	16,630
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- 5 Total Salary & NI costs for 2024 were **£4,082**.

6 Heat & Light

The total amount paid during the year was £3,549, it should be noted that the Centre is trying to clarify with Utilities provider the correct meter and meter readings. This should result in a backdated invoice. It is difficult at this time to estimate how much this might be.

- 7 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £500.

8 Restricted Funds	Balance		Expenditure	Balance Dec 2024
	Jan 2024	Income		
The National Lottery Community Fund		16630	13570	3060
				0
Total	0	16630	13570	3060

- 9 The Management Committee, as is good financial practice, designated funds to help with the upkeep of the building. The amount will be reviewed annually, currently set at £55,000. This is the Building & Maintenance Fund.

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Trustees feel that 2023 has proved that the community centre has weathered the challenges posed by Covid and Lockdowns. The centre started the year in a sound financial position with a healthy bank balance and confidently expecting to resume our full programme of activities and this has proved to be the case, with an increasing footfall and much greater usage of the centre. Indeed, it has been hard to find space for new groups to start up – every evening is booked and weekends are full too, with regular Saturday activities in the Hall, regular stay and play sessions and birthday parties. This activity is thanks to our partnership with Treats on the Tyne (formerly Riverside Delight) which continues to prove highly effective and mutually beneficial.

Despite the space constraints, several new groups have started – a new baby and toddler group led by a child support worker from the Council's Family Hub has been a great success, meeting our objectives about combating social isolation as she is not only able to lead a story time and craft session but is also able to answer queries from new mums about baby's development or any other queries. Another successful group has been the new Street Dance group, aimed at 12-15 year olds and which combines dance and exercise to meet our objectives of engaging with young people and encouraging exercise and healthy lifestyles. And we've been delighted to welcome a Tai Chi group which offers less vigorous but still demanding exercise for older people.

And of course, many of our long standing groups have now begun to use the centre regularly again – the Taekwondo classes, the Dunston Silver Band, the Art group and the Ladies' Afternoon Social. Some groups have moved on – the Prince's Trust has found alternative premises but remains supportive, and Prince's Trust volunteers have helped out at Ladies' Social functions

It would be remiss not to mention the recent loss of our much-loved Mary Scott. Mary has been a stalwart supporter for many, many years, running the centre, the Lunch Club, organising outings and very active in the governance of the community centre. Sadly Mary died early in 2022 after a short illness and will always be greatly missed by all connected to the centre.

Governance has proved as effective as always. Trustees have reviewed all policies, updating where required and have received Safeguarding training. Regular meetings have been resumed, and the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary meet weekly to discuss issues.

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February 2024

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Signed:



Date: 13 February 2024

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
Address: 42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
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Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	Total £	2022 Total
Receipts					
Grants & Donations	4		2140	2140	10203
Rents		21578		21578	19507
Fund Raising		4423		4423	3669
Bank Interest		564		564	0
Total Receipts		26565	2140	28705	33379
Payments					
Wages & National Insurance	5	6235		6235	7065
Water		1311		1311	442
Heat & Light	6	3082		3082	2542
Refurbishment & Maintenance		7604		7604	4256
Telephone		552		552	690
Office & Centre Expenses		3893		3893	2647
Grant Activities			6132	6132	6211
Christmas Lunch		593		593	925
Insurance		1127		1127	96
Audit & Accountancy	7	480		480	450
Café and Coffee Mornings				0	0
Total Payments		24877	6132	31009	25324
Surplus/Deficit for the period		1688	-3992	-2304	8055
Transfer Between Funds				0	0
Funds at 1 January 2023		111326	3992	115318	107263
Total Funds at 31 December 2023		113014	0	113014	115318

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
Monetary Assets			
Current Account		60038	62966
Virgin Deposit Account		52826	52262
Cash in Hand		150	90
Net Assets at 31 December 2023		113014	115318
Total Funds at 31 December 2023		113014	115318
Represented by :			
Building & Maintenance Reserve	9	55000	55000
Free Reserves		58014	56326
Restricted Funds	8	0	3992
Total Funds		113014	115318

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4 Grants Received:	
Historic England	2,140
Total Grants Received	2,140

- 5 Total Salary & NI costs for 2023 were **£6,235**.

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- 7 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £480.

8 Restricted Funds	Balance		Balance	
	Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Dec 2023
Community Foundation (Love Dunston)				0
Community Foundation (Music Grant)	2432		2432	0
Historic England	1560	2140	3700	0
Total	3992	2140	6132	0

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England & Wales - Charity number 1155927

Accounts

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Registered Charity No. 1155927

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

Legal Information - 2022

Name: Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Charity Number: 1155927

Structure: Registered Charity

Trustees:

Chair: Brian Lowery
Treasurer: Keith Lee
Secretary: Brenda Clelland
Dot Burnett
Gary Haley
Allison Thompson
Doreen Wilson
David Stephenson
Norma Stewart

Address: Collingwood Terrace
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Dunston Community Centre – Trustees' Report 2022

The object of Dunston Community Centre CIO is

'... to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Dunston and the surrounding area without distinction of sex or political, religion, disability, sexual orientation or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; and to manage and maintain Dunston Community Centre or to co-operate with any local statutory authority, in the maintenance and management of, Dunston Community centre for activities, promoted by the association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above purpose.'

The impact of Covid continues to be evident in our community, and usage of the Centre reflects that. Some groups, thriving before Covid, have simply never recovered and it has been a challenge for Trustees to find groups to fill the gap – Trustees have always recognised that the financial benefit of successful, thriving groups is the rental income which secures the Centre's financial sustainability. And some groups have found alternative premises – the Prince's Trust, which delivered employment and education programmes, has moved to the nearby Dunston Help for Families Hub.

When Trustees were first elected by members of the community centre association to take over the responsibility of running and maintaining the community centre from the Council, we decided that we wanted the centre to be a catalyst for positive change in the community, helping local people to live happier, healthier, longer lives. We've done this by not only encouraging and supporting independent groups to use the centre to offer a range of activities and opportunities, but also by seeking external funding to support the start of new groups where a social need – such as combating social isolation - has been identified.

But we have also recognized that some groups fulfil a social need even though they have proved to be commercially impossible to sustain. This past year we have successfully obtained Awards for All funding to start a messy play and music group for young children because we felt that there was a gap in the creative provision for babies and toddlers, Historic England funding to offer a youth opportunity to focus on the Dunston Staiths in response to the absence of provision for young people and we have also used some of the Centre's own reserves to support a new mums' group because we were conscious of the lack of such provision. And we were delighted to be able to accommodate a Diabetes education group, offering health advice and support to local people.

But the greatest change has been the inclusion of Riverside Delight within the Centre. Previously Riverside Delight operated from a café across the road and managed all party bookings. It has now taken over the café area, from which it offers not only parties – and bookings are dramatically increasing – but regular cake and play activities at the weekend which have proved extremely popular during the winter months and, with plans to refurbish the outside play area, will doubtless prove even more popular in the warmer weather. These activities not only support the Centre's financial sustainability but also offer opportunities for creative play for young children as well as combating parents' and carers' social isolation

Structurally, the building is sound, with little need for major repair and renovation work – although Trustees have decided to invest a substantial sum in the restoration of the sprung parquet floor in the hall. And the ongoing rain water ingress continues to be an irritant as no obvious cause can be identified despite extensive exploration. Trustees therefore decided to retain the Building and Maintenance Fund to £55,000

Membership of the Trust has changed slightly over the past year. George Thompson, a stalwart of the Community Centre for many years, sadly died early last year. And our much beloved Mary Scott also died in 2022 after a brief illness. The contribution that George and Mary made to the Centre over so many years was incredible and they cannot be replaced. Notwithstanding that, Norma Stewart and David Stephenson, both long term friends and users of the centre's facilities, joined the board in 2022.

Brenda Clelland
Secretary

February 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2022

Charity no 1155927

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 13 February 2023

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
Address: 42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted	2022 Restricted	Total £	2021 Total
Receipts					
Grants & Donations	4		10203	10203	20285
HMRC Job Retention Grants				0	522
Love Dunston				0	28470
Rents		19507		19507	15695
Fund Raising		3669		3669	3486
Bank Interest				0	69
Total Receipts		23176	10203	33379	68528
Payments					
Wages & National Insurance	5	7065		7065	6134
Water		442		442	77
Heat & Light	6	2542		2542	1044
Refurbishment & Maintenance		4256		4256	4722
Telephone		690		690	802
Office Expenses		2647		2647	2136
Grant Activities			6211	6211	34241
Christmas Lunch		925		925	812
Insurance		96		96	1350
Audit & Accountancy	7	450		450	450
Café and Coffee Mornings				0	53
Total Payments		19113	6211	25324	51821
Surplus/Deficit for the period		4063	3992	8055	16707
Transfer Between Funds		2000	-2000	0	0
Funds at 1 January 2022		105263	2000	107263	90566
Total Funds at 31 December 2022		111326	3992	115318	107273

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022	2021
Monetary Assets			
Current Account		62966	54996
Virgin Deposit Account		52262	52262
Cash in Hand		90	5
Net Assets at 31 December 2022		115318	107263
Total Funds at 31 December 2022		115318	107263
Represented by :			
Building & Maintenance Reserve	9	55000	55000
Free Reserves		56326	50263
Restricted Funds	8	3992	2000
Total Funds		115318	107263

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee:

Signed..... Position.....

Signed..... Position.....

Date

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Notes to the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2022

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- 2 Dunston Community Centre Ltd is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, Registration no 1155927.
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- 3 No remuneration was paid to trustees during the year.

4 Grants Received:

Community Foundation (Music Grant)	5683
Historic England	4520

Total Grants Received	10,203
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- 5 Total Salary & NI costs for 2022 were **£7,065**.

6 Heat & Light

The total amount paid during the year was £2,542, it should be noted that the Centre is trying to clarify with Utilities provider the correct meter and meter readings. This should result in a backdated invoice. It is difficult at this time to estimate how much this might be.

- 7 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £480.

8 Restricted Funds	Balance			Balance
	Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Dec 2022
Community Foundation (Love Dunston)	2000		2000	0
Community Foundation (Music Grant)		5683	3251	2432
Historic England		4520	2960	1560
Total	2000	10203	8211	3992

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Dunston Community Centre – Trustees' Report 2021

2021 has been another challenging year. As in 2020, we started off well, with a healthy bank balance and confidently expecting to resume our full programme of activities, but the alarming increase in Covid infections once more curtailed our plans. We cautiously re-opened in the summer as soon as we were legally able to do so, and have since seen a gradual resumption of groups and activities, supported of course by following government guidelines on social distancing, stringent cleaning and disinfecting routines, lots of hand sanitisers and the use of masks indoors. Some groups - like the Dunston Silver Band – were only able to legally resume much later in the year, and it's clear that many groups have ended 2021 less populated than in pre-Covid years. However, we were delighted to be able to hold our usual Winter Fair and, although foot traffic was noticeably down on previous years, managed to raise just over £800, thanks to loyal supporters in our community.

Although this Report is primarily focused on 2021, it would be remiss not to mention the recent loss of our much-loved Community Centre supporters, George Thompson. George has been a stalwart supporter for many, many years, running the Bowling Club, the Lunch Club, organising outings and very active in the governance of the community centre as Treasurer, Secretary and later a Trustee under the re-organised CIO. Sadly George died early in January 2022 and he will be greatly missed by all connected to the centre.

Our partnership with Riverside Delight is continuing to prove highly effective and mutually beneficial, allowing us to continue to offer cake and play slots for toddlers and mums as well as the more conventional birthday parties. Although these sessions aren't as busy as pre-covid, numbers are gradually increasing and Riverside Delight mounted an extremely successful Santa's Grotto.

And our partnership with Delta North Consett has allowed us to continue to deliver the Prince's Trust Employability course, helping unemployed young people to develop skills, improve their CV, build on literacy and numeracy skills and build their confidence. Indeed, we have been able to build on this partnership and develop our Youth Project by offering two quite distinctively different youth groups on two evenings each week. This continues to be a collaborative project in which we work with other groups – Gateshead Scouts, Redheugh Football Club, the SoundRoom and Dunston Help for Families – to engage directly with local young people in a bid to address the youth-related low level anti-social behaviour that causes distress and misery to so many in our community.

Governance has continued to be challenging during this last year. We were finally able to hold a face to face meeting, which enabled us to hold our Annual General meeting, in June 2021, which had been postponed from the previous year, but the resumption of restrictions curtailed our plans. Again, we considered holding meetings virtually but, conscious that some of our Trustees would not be able to participate because they did not have the equipment or digital skills, we decided that it would be disrespectful to Trustees who have been involved with the Centre for many years to effectively exclude them from the decision-making process. The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary therefore continued to deal with the day to day decisions on an executive basis via telephone conversations and emails

In conclusion, whilst the pandemic has undoubtedly had a detrimental impact upon the Centre's finances and severely limited our ability to meet our stated constitutional objectives, we have been able to use our time to ensure that the Centre is as scrupulously clean as possible. To a certain extent, we have also been able to use our reserves to cushion the pandemic's financial effect and we look forward to resuming our usual level of service to the community.

Brenda Clelland
Secretary

February 2022

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Signed:



Date: 23 February 2022

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Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total £	2020 Total
Receipts					
Grants & Donations	4	20285		20285	12700
HMRC Job Retention Grants		522		522	0
Love Dunston			28470	28470	2100
Rents		15695		15695	9782
Café and Coffee Mornings		0		0	652
Fund Raising		3486		3486	467
Bank Interest		69		69	449
Total Receipts		40058	28470	68528	26150
Payments					
Wages & National Insurance	5	6134		6134	5679
Water		77		77	314
Heat & Light		1044		1044	1239
Refurbishment & Maintenance		4722		4722	6180
Telephone		802		802	930
Office Expenses		2136		2136	819
Christmas Lights				0	0
Love Dunston			34241	34241	2650
Christmas Lunch		812		812	0
Insurance		1350		1350	1326
Audit & Accountancy	6	450		450	450
Café and Coffee Mornings		53		53	305
Total Payments		17580	34241	51821	19892
Surplus/Deficit for the period		22478	-5771	16707	6258
Transfer Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Funds at 1 January 2021		82785	7771	90556	84298
Total Funds at 31 December 2021		105263	2000	107263	90556

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
Monetary Assets			
Current Account		54996	38243
Virgin Deposit Account		52262	52193
Cash in Hand		5	120
Net Assets at 31 December 2021		107263	90556
Total Funds at 31 December 2021		107263	90556
Represented by :			
Building & Maintenance Reserve	8	55000	55000
Free Reserves		50263	27785
Restricted Funds		2000	7771
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4 **Grants Received:**

Government Covid Grant	20285
HMRC Furlough Grants	522
Gateshead Council (Love Dunston)	1760
Garfield Weston Foundation (Love Dunston)	5000
Northumbria Police (Love Dunston)	12500
Community Foundation (Love Dunston)	1410
Community Foundation (Love Dunston)	7800
Total Grants Received	49,277

- 5 Total Salary & NI costs for 2021 were **£6,134**
- 6 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £450.

7 Restricted Funds	Balance		Expenditure	Balance
	Jan 2021	Income		Dec 2021
Love Dunston	5771	28470	34241	0
Community Foundation	2000			2000
Total	7771	28470	34241	2000

Note all remaining funds received for **Love Dunston** have now been transferred to that organisation, as they now hold their own bank account. (The final amount being £23,580.)

- 8 The Management Committee, as is good financial practice, designated funds to help with the upkeep of the building. The amount will be reviewed annually, currently set at £55,000. This is the Building & Maintenance Fund.