

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Registered Charity No. 1155927

**Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

Legal Information - 2021

Name: Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Charity Number: 1155927

Structure: Registered Charity

Trustees:

Chair:	Brian Lowery
Treasurer	Keith Lee
Secretary	Brenda Clelland
	Dot Burnett
	Mary Scott
	Gary Haley
	Allison Thompson
	Doreen Wilson

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Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2021

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: 23 February 2022

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
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Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2021

		2021		2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Notes			£	
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	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	51821	19892
Surplus/Deficit for the period		22478	-5771	6258
Transfer Between Funds		0	0	0
Funds at 1 January 2021		82785	7771	84298
Total Funds at 31 December 2021		105263	2000	90556

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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
 Total Funds		 107263	 90556

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

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

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Date

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Notes to the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2021

- 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:**

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			Balance
	Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	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.