

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

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Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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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:
Address:**

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Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted	2022 Restricted	Total	2021 Total
	Notes			£	
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

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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

- 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 (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

- 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.