

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Registered Charity No. 1155927

Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2023

### **Legal Information - 2023**

**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  
David Stephenson  
Norma Stewart  
Allison Thompson  
Doreen Wilson

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Dunston  
Gateshead  
NE11 9DU

**Independent Examiner:** Mark Thompson MAAT  
42 Lesbury Road  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
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## **Dunston Community Centre – Trustees' Report 2023**

### **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.'

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.

**Brenda Clelland  
Secretary**

**February 2024**

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the  
trustees of

**Dunston Community Centre Ltd**

On accounts for  
the year ended

**31 December 2023**

**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 2024**

**Name:  
Address:**

Mark Thompson MAAT  
42 Lesbury Road  
Newcastle  
NE6 5LB

# Dunston Community Centre Ltd

## Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2023

|  |       | Unrestricted  | 2023<br>Restricted | Total         | 2022<br>Total |
|--|-------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | Notes |               |                    | £             |               |
| <b>Receipts</b>                        |       |               |                    |               |               |
| Grants & Donations                     | 4     |               | 2140               | 2140          | 10203         |
| Rents                                  |       | 21578         |                    | 21578         | 19507         |
| Fund Raising                           |       | 4423          |                    | 4423          | 3669          |
| Bank Interest                          |       | 564           |                    | 564           | 0             |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                  |       | <b>26565</b>  | <b>2140</b>        | <b>28705</b>  | <b>33379</b>  |
| <b>Payments</b>                        |       |               |                    |               |               |
| 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             |
| <b>Total Payments</b>                  |       | <b>24877</b>  | <b>6132</b>        | <b>31009</b>  | <b>25324</b>  |
| Surplus/Deficit for the period         |       | 1688          | -3992              | -2304         | 8055          |
| Transfer Between Funds                 |       |               |                    | 0             | 0             |
| <b>Funds at 1 January 2023</b>         |       | <b>111326</b> | <b>3992</b>        | <b>115318</b> | <b>107263</b> |
| <b>Total Funds at 31 December 2023</b> |       | <b>113014</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>113014</b> | <b>115318</b> |

## Dunston Community Centre Ltd

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

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

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 2023

- 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:**

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Historic England | 2,140 |
|------------------|-------|

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Grants Received</b> | <b>2,140</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------|

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

6 **Heat & Light**

The total amount paid during the year was £3,082, 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 <b>Restricted Funds</b>           | 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        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>3992</b> | <b>2140</b> | <b>6132</b> |  | <b>0</b> |

- 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.