

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Registered Charity No. 1155927

Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024

**Legal Information - 2024**

**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

**Address:** Collingwood Terrace  
Dunston  
Gateshead  
NE11 9DU

<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Mark Thompson MAAT
	42 Lesbury Road
	Newcastle Upon Tyne
	NE6 5LB

## **Dunston Community Centre – Trustees' Report 2024**

### **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.'

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**

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: 6th February 2025**

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

# Dunston Community Centre Ltd

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

		2024		2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Notes			£	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants & Donations	4	16630	16630	2140
Rents		27011	27011	21578
Fund Raising		3540	3540	4423
Bank Interest		690	690	564
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>31241</b>	<b>47871</b>	<b>28705</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
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
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>28146</b>	<b>41716</b>	<b>31009</b>
Surplus/Deficit for the period		3095	6155	-2304
Transfer Between Funds			0	0
<b>Funds at 1 January 2024</b>		<b>113014</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115318</b>
<b>Total Funds at 31 December 2024</b>		<b>116109</b>	<b>3060</b>	<b>113014</b>



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

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

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2024

- 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:**  
The National Lottery Community Fund 16,630  
**Total Grants Received 16,630**

- 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		Balance	
	Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Dec 2024
				0
The National Lottery Community Fund		16630	13570	3060
				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16630</b>	<b>13570</b>	<b>3060</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.