

Dunston Community Centre Ltd

Registered Charity No. 1155927

Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

Legal Information - 2025

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
Allison Thompson
Doreen Wilson

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Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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Dunston Community Centre – Trustees' Report 2025

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.'

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:
Address:**

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Receipts & Payments Account 1 January to 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	Total	2024 Total
	Notes			£	
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

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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
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- 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 Jan 2025	Income	Expenditure	Balance 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.