

DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1156860

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-04-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF URBAN OR RURAL REGENERATION IN AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE WARD OF DEAF HILL BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:(A) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY:(B) THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT:(C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING OR RETRAINING, PARTICULARLY AMONG UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, AND PROVIDING UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WITH WORK EXPERIENCE:(D) THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES:(E) THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS OR SITES OF HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:(F) THE PROTECTION OR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT:(G) THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME:(H) THE ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF HEALTH ISSUES FOR THE COMMUNITY:(I) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES:(J) TO BE A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION DESIGNED TO PROMOTE AND SUSTAIN THE REGENERATION OF THE WARD THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS:(K) TO CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE DELIVERY, CO-ORDINATION, MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE PROJECTS AS CONTAINED IN THE ACTION PLAN PREPARED, AGREED AND PRIORITISED BY THE PARTNERSHIP:(L) TO CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE DELIVERY, CO-ORDINATION, MONITORING AND REVIEW OF THE PROJECTS AS CONTAINED IN THE ACTION PLAN PREPARED, AGREED AND PRIORITISED BY THE PARTNERSHIP:(M) SUCH OTHER MEANS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: WE ARE A VOLUNTARY BODY OF RESIDENTS FROM DEAF HILL, TRIMDON STATION WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN PROJECTS THAT WILL HELP TO RESTORE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND IMPROVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN DEAF HILL AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£105,448	£116,551	-	-
2024-03-31	£71,979	£86,472	-	-
2023-03-31	£84,329	£97,611	-	-
2022-03-31	£87,589	£69,734	-	-
2021-03-31	£88,350	£60,506	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Derek Bradley	Chair	2021-08-02
Elizabeth Young		2014-04-24
Joe Frances		2014-04-24
KAY TWEDDLE		2014-04-24
LARRAINE GRIGG		2014-04-24
Mary Grigg		2014-04-24
Neil Young		2014-04-24
Patricia Chatterley		2014-04-24
Stephanie Thornton		2025-03-20
sharron Young		2014-04-24

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Accounts

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Chairman's Annual Report

I am pleased to present this year's Annual Report for Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership.

It is still challenging to operate in the current economic climate with utility bills and other service charges increasing in price. The cost as well of maintaining an old building is always an ongoing issue, but with the help of our volunteers we try to keep this cost down. We are always looking for more volunteers and people to use the Centre.

The Centre continues to provide a base for many groups, including Dance, Craft, Mental health, Children and young people, Brass Band, podiatrist service, photographer, computers and printing as well as private functions. We continue to deliver services outside the village. However we recognise there is scope for more within the building. We also recognise the need for funding to help with costs of the overall running of a building in a deprived area. Trustees continue to be concerned at the lack of services available in the community, we fear services may be lost forever, in a village which already has poor service provision.

This year we have renewed our computers and wifi throughout the building, new computer chairs and added a smart board. We have provided digital support to residents. We have also invested in new washer, cooker, coffee machine and provided training for volunteers.

I would like to thank all Trustees, volunteers and staff for all their hard work, over the last year and I would like to thank members of the public for their continued support, help and donations. Thanks go to all our staff who we have managed to retain over the last year, without them we wouldn't be able to deliver a lot of our sessions.

Our appreciation goes to our Partners and outside agencies and all funders..

We have recorded a deficit as predicted in this year income; mainly due to how grants come in and operating in such challenging times. As we prepare for an unpredictable future the need to maintain a reserve fund to ensure we can continue to operate into the future.

Derek Bradley – Chair

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership 2024/25

Income	
	£
HMCTS	
Cree	9000.00
Dance	3388.00
Grant	5000.00
Deposit account	500.00
Gas creit	5.57
Printing	10.00
No more nowt	4185.00
Room Hire	3437.00
Donation	50.00
Bar	5339.96
Tickets	86.00
UKSPF	54479.70
Youth	19365.00
linterest	602.55
Total Income	£105,448.78
Expenditure	
	£
Wages	34909.51
Administration	9928.03
Equipment	28411.79
Utilities	10086.45
Insurance	1228.32
Catering	196.06
Bar	2599.38
Household Support	1410.00
Maintenance	6334.51
Licence	331.23
Youth Project	17195.99
Cree	0.00
No more nowt	3920.00
	£116,551.27
Deficit for the year	11102.49

Reconciliation	£	
Fund Balance as at 1/4/24	99708.52	
Deficit for year	-11102.49	
Fund Balance as at 31/3/25	£88,606.03	
Bank Balances:	£	
Current account as at 31/3/25	33980.99	
Deposit Account as at 31/3/25	60329.36	
Add income to bank	210.00	
Unpresented cheques	-109.20	
	-1290.00	
	-2044.61	
	-108.41	
	-108.41	
	-108.21	
	-1164.00	
	-196.06	
	-245.43	
	-250.00	
	-289.99	
Reconciled	£88,606.03	
<i>L/F. White 7/2/20</i>		

**DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
2024/2025**

1 Introduction

- 1.1. In examination of the accounts for the Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership was carried out for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
- 1.2. The contents of this report have been discussed and agreed with the Centre Manager and any recommendations are included in the report.

2 Scope of the Review

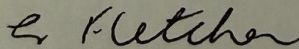
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 - cheque books, paying in books

3 Findings

- 3.1. The Centre Manager records all income and expenditure on a spreadsheet under various headings. A manual book keeping ledger is also kept showing all transactions monthly and this is reconciled to the bank statement at the end of the month.
- 3.2. All payments are made by cheque or direct debit (utilities) and cheques are signed by the Centre Manager and a Trustee. Records are taken to Committee for Members to check. Most invoices records the cheque number on them which gives a good audit trail when checking payments.
- 3.3. Income is received mainly through grants, room hires and the bar. Bar income is paid using a card and is recorded on sum up payment sheets. The monthly reports were examined and all income could be confirmed in the bank account.
- 3.4. Using the spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a deficit for the year of £11,102.49 and the fund record of £88,606.03 reconciled to the current and deposit account bank accounts as at 31st March 2025

4 Conclusions/Recommendations

- 4.1. The fund records reconcile to the bank statements and all income and expenditure was accounted for.
- 4.2. The introduction of a manual monthly record of all income and expenditure is used to reconcile to the bank statements each month.



Gordon Fletcher, (C.M.I.I.A.)

Fund Auditor,

Dated: 7th February 2026

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Chairman's Annual Report

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It is still challenging to operate in the current economic climate with utility bills and other service charges rocketing in price. The cost as well of maintaining an old building is always an ongoing issue, but with the help of our volunteers we try to keep this cost down. We are always looking for more volunteers and people to use the Centre.

The Centre continues to provide a base for many groups, including Dance, Craft, Mental health, Children and young people, Brass Band, podiatrist service, photographer, computers and printing as well as private functions. We continue to deliver services outside the village. However we recognise there is scope for more within the building. We also recognise the need for funding to help with costs of the overall running of a building in a deprived area. Trustees continue to be concerned at the lack of services available in the community, we fear services may be lost forever, in a village which already has poor service provision. Many local people rely on the building and the services it offers, such as Food Bank, mental health support and services to the young and old which is now needed more than ever before. Our concern is that people having to leave the village to access these services which will add to many unable to travel due to the financial impact it will have.

I would like to thank all Trustees, volunteers and staff for all their hard work, over the last year and I would like to thank members of the public for their continued support, help and donations. Thanks go to all our staff who we have managed to retain over the last year, without them we wouldn't be able to deliver a lot of our Fun & food sessions.

Our appreciation goes to our Partners and outside agencies and all funders and to our County Councillor's for their support. We also appreciate the support of our MP Paul Howell, who is fully supportive of the work we do.

We have recorded a deficit as predicted in this year income; mainly due to how grants come in. As we prepare for an unpredictable future the need to maintain a reserve fund to ensure we can continue to operate into the future.

Derek Bradley – Chair

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership 2023/24	
Income	
	£
HMCTS	24.09
Cree	9000.00
Dance	4725.00
Grant	915.00
Parish Council	15.00
CCTV	2000.00
Stage light	3000.00
EDT Grant	1014.00
Room Hire	3873.86
Bar	7627.47
Tickets	106.00
Donation	20.00
Youth	39449.50
Interest	209.57
Total Income	£71,979.49
Expenditure	£
Wages	28836.92
Administration	7429.84
Equipment	486.16
Utilities	7812.81
Insurance	1125.08
Catering	101.00
Bar	4024.80
Defib	1398.00
Maintenance	844.51
Licence	257.40
CCTV	4152.00
Cree	245.00
No more nowt	1344.00
Youth Project	28414.05
	£86,471.57
Deficit for the year	14492.08
Reconciliation	£
Fund Balance as at 1/4/23	128925.32
Deficit for year	-14492.08
Fund Balance as at 31/3/24	£114,433.24
Bank Balances:	£
Current account as at 31/3/24	55206.43
Deposit Account as at 31/3/24	59226.81
Add income to bank	0.00
Unpresented cheques	0.00
Reconciled	£114,433.24

P. Watterley.
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**DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
2023/2024**

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2 Scope of the Review

- 2.1. The examination tested and evaluated the efficiency and effectiveness of the income and expenditure records.
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 - Income and expenditure spreadsheet
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3 Findings

- 3.1. The Centre Manager records all income and expenditure on a spreadsheet under various headings. A manual book keeping ledger is also kept showing all transactions monthly and this is reconciled to the bank statement at the end of the month.
- 3.2. All payments are made by cheque or direct debit (utilities) and cheques are signed by the Centre Manager and a Trustee. Records are taken to Committee for Members to check. Most invoices records the cheque number on them which gives a good audit trail when checking payments,
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- 3.4. Using the spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a deficit for the year of £14,492.08 and the fund record of £114,433.24 reconciled to the current and deposit account bank accounts as at 31st March 2024

4. Conclusions/Recommendations

- 4.1. The fund records reconcile to the bank statements and all income and expenditure was accounted for.
- 4.2. The introduction of a manual monthly record of all income and expenditure is used to reconcile to the bank statements each month.

G. Fletcher

Gordon Fletcher, (C.M.I.I.A.)

Fund Auditor,

Dated: 2nd March 2025

P. L. Hetherington
D. Bradley

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Chairman's Annual Report

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The Centre is still, like many Centres recovering from the difficulties experienced during Covid and we are yet to see users back to pre-pandemic levels.

I would like to thank all Trustees, volunteers and staff for all their hard work, over the last year and I would like to thank members of the public for their continued support, help and donations. Thanks go to all our staff who we have managed to retain over the last year, without them we wouldn't be able to deliver a lot of our Fun & food sessions.

Our appreciation goes to our Partners and outside agencies and all funders and to our County Councillor's for their support. We also appreciate the support of our MP Paul Howell, who is fully supportive of the work we do.

Trustees continue to be concerned at the lack of services available in the community, we fear services may be lost forever, in a village which already has poor service provision. Many local people rely on the building and the services it offers, such as Food Bank, mental health support and services to the young and old which is now needed more than ever before. Our concern is people having to leave the village to access these services which will add to many unable to travel due to the financial impact it will have.

We have recorded a deficit as predicted in this year income; mainly due to how grants come in. As we prepare for an unpredictable future the need to maintain a reserve fund to ensure we can continue to operate into the future. We will see a number of energy cost increase; this currently looks to be around 2.5 times the current contract level.

We are still not as fortunate as other local facilities; in as far as we have the responsibility of all the running costs associated in running a large building. As previously mentioned, we must look to continue to build a Reserve Fund to finance any unexpected events that may occur.

Our support for Mental Health services continues to thrive and provides such a life line to many users.

Although it will continue to be challenging year to come I feel confident that we can continue improving our Centre, the services we provide and carry out further updates to the building.

Once again I thank everyone for their continued help and support to our Community Centre and the work we do for our village and community.

Derek Bradley – Chair

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership 2022/23	
Income	
	£
Cree Plus	3,000.00
Cree	9,000.00
Dance	2,146.00
Grant	3,200.00
DCC	7,935.50
Exercise	50.00
Room Hire	3,290.71
Bar	5,801.00
Tickets	12.00
Donation	1,115.00
Youth	48,766.05
Interest	13.08
Total Income	£84,329.34
Expenditure	
	£
Wages	29,392.11
Administration	11,864.52
Equipment	3361.57
Utilities	7,844.41
Insurance	1,060.22
Exercise	2940.00
Bar	4581.04
Maintenance	2,057.80
Licence	180.00
Cree	965.55
Youth Project	33,118.32
Covid exp	245.00
	£97,610.54
Deficit for the year	13281.20
Reconciliation	
	£
Fund Balance as at 1/4/22	127865.24
Deficit for year	-13281.20
Fund Balance as at 31/3/23	£114,584.04
Bank Balances:	
	£
Current account as at 31/3/23	55566.80
Deposit Account as at 31/3/23	59017.24
Add income to bank	0.00
Unpresented cheques	0.00
Reconciled	£114,584.04

E. Fletcher
25/2/24

**DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
2022/2023**

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- 3.4. Using the spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a deficit for the year of £13,281.20, and the fund record of £114,584.04 reconciled to the current and deposit account bank accounts as at 31st March 2023

4. Conclusions/Recommendations

- 4.1. The fund records reconcile to the bank statements and all income and expenditure was accounted for.
- 4.2. The introduction of a manual monthly record of all income and expenditure is used to reconcile to the bank statements each month.



**Gordon Fletcher, (C.M.I.I.A.)
Fund Auditor,
Dated: 25th February 2024**

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Chairman's Annual Report

I am pleased to present this year's Annual Report for Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership.

I would like to thank all Trustees and volunteers for all their hard work, over the last year and I would like to thank members of the public for their continued support, help and donations. Thanks go to all our staff who we have managed to retain over the last year, without them we wouldn't be able to deliver a lot of our Fun & food sessions.

The Trustees would in particular like to express their thanks, gratitude and appreciation to our Manager, who continues to manage the Centre on their behalf.

Our appreciation goes to our Partners and outside agencies and all funders and to our County Councillor's for their support. We also appreciate the support of our MP Paul Howell, who is fully supportive of the work we do.

We have an excellent set of volunteers, but need to be mindful of demanding too much of them. We continue to see the hard work of our younger volunteers who we have invested in over the years; this is why it is important to us to continue investing in our youth projects, again funding is required to maintain our youth projects. We continue to maintain and create new partnerships that benefit our work.

Trustees continue to be concerned at the lack of services available in the community, we fear services may be lost forever, in a village which already has poor service provision.

Many local people rely on the building and the services it offers such as Food Bank, mental health support and services to the young and old which is now needed more than ever before. These and other services may be lost and not replaced with people having to leave the village to access these services which will add to many unable to travel due to the financial impact it will have.

We have recorded a surplus in this year income; however we have a number of grants still running over the coming year. Any other surplus is to be ring fenced to help with our running costs and overheads as we prepare for an unpredictable future and believe this will continue for many a year.

We are still not as fortunate as other local facilities; in as far as we have the responsibility of all the running costs associated in running a large building. While others receive help towards things like youth, we will have to look for grants to fund these. Therefore we must look to continue to build a Reserve Fund to finance any unexpected events that may occur. The Covid pandemic endorses the reason why we have reserves now and to the future.

The focus over the last year is the continuation of updating the building. We secured additional funding and have been able to totally refurbish both staircases with new flooring and redecoration. This was also completed with the help of our volunteers. We secured funding to fund two youth workers for one year working from our Centre and also funding to deliver youth sessions in another community. We have delivered holiday hunger activities both within the Centre and as activity packs to the door in the holidays, which included food. I am grateful to the Men's Cree who help with some of the small maintenance works of the building.

Over this coming year we will continue to focus on the refurbishment of the building, funding for staff and funding for services.

Our support for Mental Health services continues to thrive and provides such a life line to many users.

We will continue with our push to have defibrillators available at all Community Centre's across the Trimdons, we are currently working with our Area action Partnership.

Although it will continue to be challenging year to come I feel confident that we can continue improving our Centre and the services.

Once again I thank everyone for their continued help and support to our Community Centre and the work we do for our village and community.

Derek Bradley – Chair

**DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
2021/2022**

1. Introduction

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3 Findings

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A manual book keeping ledger is also kept showing all transactions monthly and this is reconciled to the bank statement at the end of the month. Although it appears that the records are written up from the bank statement. This will not identify any unrepresented cheques or income not banked and will not identify any errors on the ledger.
- 3.2. All payments are made by cheque or direct debit (utilities) and cheque are paid by the Centre Manager and a Trustee. Records are taken to Committee for Members to look at if they wish. Most invoices records the cheque number on them which gives a good audit trail when checking payments although it was observed that this was not consistent from August
- 3.3. Income is received mainly through grants, room hires and the bar. IT was observed that any monies taken by volunteers is handed to the Centre Manager who then records the amounts, no receipt is given to the volunteers on handing over the monies.
Bar income is paid using a card and is recorded on sum up payment sheets. The monthly reports were examined and all income could be confirmed in the bank account.
- 3.4. Using the spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a surplus for the year of £17,854.81, which included grant support during the year, and the fund record of £127,865.24 reconciled to the current and deposit account bank accounts as at 31st March 2022

4. Conclusions/Recommendations

- 4.1. The fund records reconcile to the bank statements and all income and expenditure was accounted for.
- 4.2. The introduction of a manual monthly record of all income and expenditure is used to reconcile to the bank statements each month but is taken from the bank statement therefore any unrepresented cheques or income not banked would not be identified.
Therefore, it is recommended that income and expenditure records should be recorded on the day the cheques are made out or the monies paid in, and then reconciled to the bank statement.
- 4.3. When cash is handed over to the Centre Manager a receipt should be given confirming the amount of money handed over.
- 4.4. To provide a better audit trail the cheque numbers should be written on the invoice when they are paid.



Gordon Fletcher, (C.M.I.I.A.)

Fund Auditor,

Dated: 7th February 2023

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Accounts

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Charity number: 1156860

Chairman's Annual Report

This is my first annual report, which I cannot start without first mentioning the sad passing away of our Chair Jim Grigg and paying tribute to the outstanding work he has done for The Partnership, the Centre and the Community. Jim was a very unassuming person and had been Chair from the inception of The Partnership, a position he held for 19 years. In that time Jim and the trustees has overseen many changes not only ensuring the building stayed opened, but brought many services to an area with very little services provision. I would like to place on record our gratitude to all his hard work and vision.

I am pleased to present my first year's Annual Report for Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership.

This has been again a difficult year with the current pandemic (Covid-19). We have been able to still deliver a number of projects that has benefited the local community and the most vulnerable people at a time when they needed us the most.

We have slowly reopened the building to the public with all of our staff now returning to work. We still have some services which we have been unable to restart which is out our hands.

We were disappointed at the lack of support locally, it should be remembered that local people rely on the building and its services such as Food Bank and mental health support, which is now needed more than ever before.

I would like to thank all Trustees and volunteers for all their hard work, many who have had to shield as a result of this pandemic. I would like to thank members of the public for their continued support, help and donations.

I would in particular like to express our thanks, gratitude and appreciation to our Manager, who despite been furloughed, has volunteered to deliver food bank. He has also undertaken with the help of volunteers a lot of maintenance work, which we have estimated to have saved The Partnership around £25K and counting in labour costs alone.

Our appreciation goes to our Partners and outside agencies and all funders. Our MP and County Councillor's who supported our work

We have recorded a surplus in this year income; mostly from Covid support grants and funding for forthcoming projects We still hold a number of grants for projects either to finish or to start. We also have noted the auditor's comments and seek to address them in the coming year.

We are aware that Covid will still have an impact on our income for years to come, therefore any surplus should be ring fenced to ensure we can meet our needs into the future. While a lot of maintenance has been carried out we must increase our reserves to meet the increasing costs associated with a building which is 93 year old.

The Trustees continue to be concerned at the lack of services available in the

community, we fear services may be lost forever, in a village which already has poor service provision.

We have an excellent set of volunteers, but need to be mindful of demanding too much of them. We will continue to develop our younger volunteers who we continue to invest in over the years. While delighted with their achievements and see them move on, this also leaves a gap in young volunteers. This is why it is important to us to continue investing in our youth projects, again funding is required to maintain our youth projects. We continue to maintain and create new partnerships that benefit our work.

The focus over the last year has still been the continuation of updating the building. We secured additional funding to replace our timber fascia with upvc and install larger gutters. At this time we found out work on one of the flat roofs had not been carried out to a good standard and had to be replaced, a cost which the partnership had to fund .

Over this coming year we will continue to focus on finishing the refurbishment of the building, funding for staff and funding for services. We are looking for funding to employ someone a few hours per week; this will take the pressure off our manager. It will free the manager's time so he can look for other funding streams to continue our work and develop other projects..

Our support for Mental Health services continues to thrive and provides such a life line to many users.

I am delighted we have been able to retain our manager who continues to be highly thought of and respected, whose enthusiasm and hard work is a credit to the Partnership. We however need to ensure we have funding to continue employing our manager as we believe he is an excellent and key asset to the Partnership and community.

Once again I thank everyone for their continued help and support to our Community Centre and the work we do for our village and community.

Derek Bradley – Chair

Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership 2020/21

Income	
	£
Cree Project	2,021.45
Furlough	23,346.39
Covid support grant	10,805.00
Lock down grant	32,153.50
Tier 4 Grant	238.21
Covid fresh project	10,100.00
Refunds	802.98
Donation	550.00
room hire	200.00
Fascia and Gutters project	5,000.00
East Durham Create	2,750.00
Bank interest	382.83
Total Income	£88,350.36
Expenditure	
	£
Wages	28,434.28
Administration	1,272.13
Lunch Club write back	-63.00
Utilities	6,323.95
Insurance	833.33
Cleaning	0.00
Bar	0.00
Equipment write back	-100.00
Maintenance	3,750.01
Licence	220.60
Trips write back	-50.00
Cree	454.47
East Durham Creates	4,420.00
Fresh fruit	11,206.92
Youth Project	3,771.81
Covid exp	31.50
	£60,506.00
Surplus for the year	27844.36
Reconciliation	
	£
Fund Balance as at 1/4/20	82166.07
Surplus for year	27844.36
Fund Balance as at 31/3/21	£110,010.43
Bank Balances:	£
Current account as at 31/3/21	52821.27
Deposit Account as at 31/3/21	57189.16
Add income to bank	0.00
Unpresented cheques	0.00
Reconciled	£110,010.43

**DEAF HILL WARD REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP
2020/2021**

1 Introduction

- 1.1. In examination of the accounts for the Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership was carried out for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.
- 1.2. The contents of this report have been discussed and agreed with the Centre Manager and any recommendations are included in the report.

2 Scope of the Review

- 2.1. The examination tested and evaluated the efficiency and effectiveness of the income and expenditure records.
- 2.2. The areas of financial and administrative activity examined included:
- Income and expenditure spreadsheet
 - bank statements,
 - receipts/invoices,
 - cheque books, paying in books

3 Findings

- 3.1. The Centre Manager records all income and expenditure on a spreadsheet under various headings. All income and expenditure were examined, and it was observed that the spreadsheet mirrored the income and expenditure shown on the bank statements. This is highlighted by the 4 errors found on the spreadsheet which if bank reconciliations had been carried out would have been identified.
- 3.2. As reported previously, the records do not show a running total of funds but the difficulty of completing this has previously been explained (and the low risk is accepted) and no regular bank reconciliations are carried out to the fund records.
- 3.3. Using the spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a surplus for the year of £27,844.36 (mainly due to the grants support during the year), and the fund record of £110,010.43 reconciled to the current and deposit account bank accounts as at 31st March 2021.
- 3.4. There were 3 very old cheques which had not been presented, I have determined from previous accounts where these were from and put them back into the accounts. (Can be seen as a negative under the expenditure headings).

4 Conclusions/Recommendations

- 4.1. The fund records reconcile to the bank statements and all income and expenditure was accounted for.
- 4.2. Proper income and expenditure records do not appear to be kept as they are recorded from the bank statements. This will not identify if receipts and payments were correct and what cheques are unrepresented or income had not been banked.

As previously recommended all income and expenditure should be recorded immediately when income is received and when cheques are issued, and not from the bank statement.

G. Fletcher

Gordon Fletcher, (C.M.I.I.A.)
Dated: 20th November 2021

Fund Auditor,

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P. Wetherby