

# TRIMDON GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Registered Charity No. 01157343

## Annual Report 2020



Trimdon Grange Community Centre  
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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Trimdon Grange Community Centre is over 100 years old. The Community Centre is unique in Trimdon Grange, being the only community building where people can meet, relax and have fun. Although the building is owned by Durham County Council a Management Committee (formed in 1960) of local people oversee the day to day running of the Centre and keep the wheels in motion. In recent years, the Management Committee have worked together to keep the building alive, of which work included; 1998-1999 new windows and doors, central heating, new flooring and lighting, fully decorated inside and out, car park resurfaced as well as a community garden in 2000. 2014 we almost had to close the building but the volunteers pulled together and went through asset transfer successfully. In 2016 we had a complete rewire to bring us up to modern standards

We are DDA compliant with ladies and gents toilets and kitchen to provide for the disabled, the ramp in the car park and automatic door to the main entrance. We also have CCTV, security lighting and a new roof in December 2008 which we hope to install Solar panels very soon. We have also had our wooden floor restored back to its former glory, definitely worth a visit.

We have laptops with broadband and wireless internet access to the community centre which have been recently upgraded.

We also have a room displaying the Miners Banner for Trimdon Grange – a great piece of history. We are working closely with members of the community to bring back to Trimdon photographs of the history of the pit-village and to display them in our centre.

We worked with the community and held consultations, gained funding and installed the Play Area and Multi User Games Area, we are very proud of achieving this by working together with the community, Groundworks and Community Spaces and our local Councillors.

*“A FRIENDLY PLACE TO BE!”*

## AIMS/OBJECTIVES

- i) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Trimdon Grange and the surrounding neighbourhoods.
- ii) To bring communities together ‘young and old’ by providing a meeting place, a warm comfortable environment to socialise.
- iii) To provide easy access to training on the doorstep, to enable individuals to broaden their skills and knowledge without having to travel.
- iv) A celebration place for Annual Events, parties, functions and business seminars etc.
- v) To develop the youth club and activities for the young generations as we believe the young people in our Community are worth it and should be able to have the opportunity to voice their opinions.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairperson	Mrs Alyson Hudson
Vice Chairperson	Mr David Smith
Secretary	Mrs Denise Christian
Treasurer	Mrs Pamela Kay Duddin
Executive Members	Mrs Joanne Maddison Mrs Sarah Peacock
Friends of TGCC	Annette Luke Anne Dent Lynsey Pike
Caretaker	Mrs Trudy Stephens

### Representatives of Trimdon Grange Community Centre Management Committee

Durham County Council	
Durham Rural Community Council	
Area Action Partnerships	
Trimdon Parish Council	Cllr Lucy Hovvels
Sure Start/One Point centres	
Groundworks	Kathryn Green



## PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

<b>MONDAY</b>	12 noon	Pie & peas	
	6.30-8.00	Taekwondo - £2.50	5+
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9.30-10.30	Chair based Yoga	
	5.00-6.30	Table tennis for all ages	
	7.00-9.00	Clairvoyant meetings last Tuesday of month	
<b>WED.</b>	5.00-6.45	Youth Club – 50p	7-12yrs
	7.00-8.30	Youth Club - £1	12+
<b>THURS.</b>	09.30-10.30	Sunflower Yoga & meditation	
	6.30-7.30	Dance It Live It Stretch, Flex n Acro	
	7.30-9.00	Dance It live It	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	10.00-1.00	Over 50s club –meals n more	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9.45-12.00	Dance it Live it various classes	
<b>SUNDAY</b>			

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## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

### COVID RESPONSE/RECOVERY

Like everyone we were busy as usual until Covid hit in March/April and put a halt to everything, except the essential workers and charities. We stepped into action, gained an army of volunteers and went from strength to strength to ensure no one was missed, delivering leaflets to every single household, collating information on local shops that delivered, helped the elderly and isolating, collected essential shopping, prescriptions, shared jigsaws, books and crafts to help with keeping the mind active. We partnered up with Auckland Castle to deliver frozen 2 course nutritional meals to over 200 people every Monday. It was a mammoth task but we kept on going, With funding from Livin, AAP and CDCF we delivered food, fresh fruit and veg and hygiene packs from April right through to September, offered uniform exchange, gave the elderly Breakfast packs as a treat to brighten up their day, then slowly invited people back when covid recovery allowed with strict guidance in place. The children were given Easter craft packs and nature packs by teaming up with Trimdon Village Hall. Halloween and Xmas we ventured outdoors into our local woodland area and created wonderful events for all families in their bubbles to attend with amazing results, many pictures can be seen on our social media and website. Although covid was an ordeal for so many, we hope we have formed a bond with new volunteers and existing ones to create a stronger community going forward

### OVER 50'S

In September 2017, we joined forces with Trimdon Village Hall and ran an Over 50s club every Friday morning, this did not stop during Covid. We delivered packs to all the elderly and isolating to combat with social isolation and gently encouraged them back into the community later in 2020

### ARMED FORCES DAY

In June 2019, we held our very 1<sup>st</sup> Armed Forces/Family Fun day which was just a fantastic success!! We linked in with other community centres and all our user groups, old fashioned afternoon tea and memorabilia on display inside the centre, we invited the uniformed services and veterans from the area who came back on the day, some had not been in Trimdon for 30 years and was such a lovely day, due to covid 2020 was cancelled but we aim to make 2021 a bigger and better event.

### On-going developments

Once again, its been a very busy year for our committee.

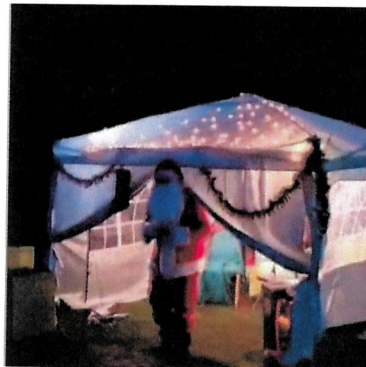
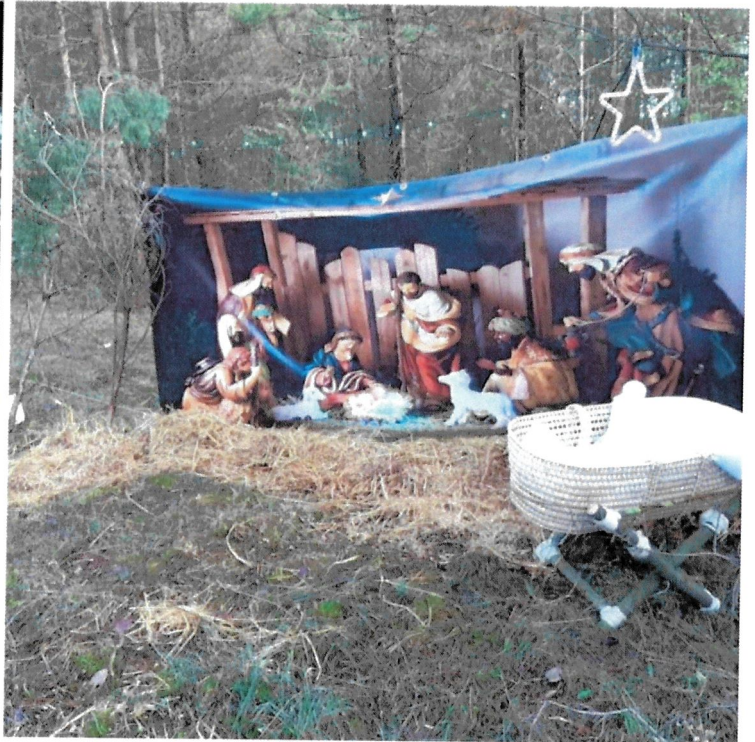
Funding has been solely focused on Covid and we managed to employ our very first Centre Manager to help with the day to day running of the centre thanks to National Lottery Funding and the hardwork of our volunteers. This has enabled us to strengthen our networking with local partnerships and other likewise community groups.

We have been successful in securing funding from the Happiness Hub for laptops and ipads to help with social isolation. Due to covid restrictions this was put on hold but we hope to get this up and running successfully in 2021.



## Outdoor fun

We are one of the nominated charities from our local Co-op fund and want all the children to be able to enjoy the free outdoors. We have embraced covid and took everything outdoors, from the easter trails in family bubbles to playing in cardboard dens, to Halloween and winter woodland. This will continue in 2021 encouraging more outdoor activities and family play





## Meals and More

Every Friday morning we meet and provide a free 2 hour craft session, by linking in with Trimdon Village Hall, mirroring the event they have on a Thursday, we encourage the older generation to be more interactive and socialise in their community. We provide a 2 course hot lunch from another local community centre meals on wheels delivery service, this session has gone from strength to strength with at least 15 regular attendees each week. We have trips out to Beamish, Thirsk, our oldest lady is 85 years young and thoroughly enjoys her weekly visit to our centre along with the mix of men and ladies we have attending. This session is ran by 2 of our committee members very successfully and continues to grow





## JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Wednesdays 5-7pm

Over the last 12 years, we have been able to do a wide range of activities which have included trips out, pizza nights, theme nights; Halloween; bonfire; disco etc and a Christmas party and pan cake hue. We have 1 lead youth worker and 2 assistants plus volunteers that make our youth club run

The children are very happy which shows in the attendance register. The young people attending the youth club are of different genders each week. Their ages range from 7-12 years. Our numbers are now on the increase attracting between 25-30 people each week. We make the best of our outdoor spaces in the local area, including the beautiful walks, woods and recreation field





## Youth Club seniors

We also have a Youth Club following our own sessions on a Wednesday evening providing for the older young people aged 12-19 years, again ran by the same staff and volunteers, targeting the harder to engage with children, but hopefully this is made smoother by the younger session earlier, they will gradually grow and move up to this one, having weekends away, learning new skills etc. The older session particularly enjoy the trips out, bowling, ice skating, food, music



## *An Evening of Clairvoyance*

Thanks to one of our residents of Trimdon Grange, Mr Maurice Crake, we have been hosting a monthly Evening of Clairvoyance on the last Tuesday, organising a different set of mediums to come along and give readings, they also offer private readings should anyone wish to do so. We also provide a raffle and refreshments and the attendance and feedback has been excellent. Unfortunately Mr Crake passed away in November 2012, however we link with other spiritual churches to continue this in his memory on a monthly basis and this has now extended to Trimdon Village Hall mid month by working in partnership. This will return in 2021



## ***Taking the fun out doors due to Covid***

Check out our social media page for many lovely photos of our Halloween in the Woods and Winter Woodland, but here is a few;

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=trimdongrange.centre&set=a.3527134914046033>





## **DANCE IT LIVE IT**

with Sophie Johnson.

We are a local Dance School who offer Classes in all Trimdon Areas - Trimdon Grange Community Centre for the past 12 years now and are very happy here, Numbers are strong in classes so usage / numbers through the centres doors is good , Trimdon Village Hall and Deaf Hill School, Trimdon Station.

### WHAT WE OFFER.....

Mini Movers (3 years and Under) Movement to Music Class - Saturday, 9.45-10.15  
Infants DANCE Class (3-7 years) Modern Freestyle & Lyrical Slow Dance - Saturday 10.15-11.00am  
Juniors DANCE Class (7-11 years) Modern Freestyle & Lyrical Slow Dance - Saturday 11.00-12.00nn  
Senior DANCE Class (11 years) Modern Freestyle & Lyrical Slow Dance - Tuesday 6.30-7.30pm  
Ballet Technique & Body Conditioning Class (Open Age) - Wednesday 5.30-6.15pm  
Commercial Street Dance Class (Open Age) - Wednesday 6.15-7.00pm  
Stretch, Flex and Acro Gymnastics Class (Open Age) - Thursday 6.30-7.30pm  
Competitive Option also available but not compulsory.

DANCE classes work towards our IDTA (International Dance Teachers Association) Summer Dance Exams and our Annual Christmas Show!

Classes are open to everyone, beginners welcome - no dance experience is necessary!

Dancers have a 100% pass rate in their exams with excellent feedback from the examiners who have visited us.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Licentiate Teacher and Adjudicator of the following -

ADFP, IDTA, UKA, BDC, NCDTA

BA (Hons) Dance & Choreography

PGCE

## Year end report 2020 – Yong Kwan Taekwondo

Yong Kwan Taekwondo has now been training at Trimdon Grange Community Centre for the past 14 years.

Students are welcome at the club from the age of five years old, although it is requested that a parent or guardian stay until the child is comfortable to be left alone. Members of the local community are more than welcome to watch a training session; a parent or guardian must accompany Juniors.

Once a parent is happy for the child to take up Taekwondo full time the student must be insured via the British Taekwondo Association at a cost of £10.00.

The cost of a training session is £2.50; discounts are available to families of three or more.

Every three months students grade to progress to the next Kup level (belt) cost £15.00 this is an optional exam. Taekwondo may be used as a way to get fit or learn self defence skills.

The club is now fully equipped with various kicking pads, sparring equipment and breaking boards,

The Club also enters inter club pattern and sparring competitions recent Competition the club won a Gold and three Silver medals.

Yong Kwan Taekwondo had a quiet summer holiday which was made up by a number of new starters, the club has twenty six regular students training twice a week a black belt class has started on alternate Sunday training before the main lesson.

September, the club will be travelling to Skip sea sands to attend a martial arts weekend hosted by the British Taekwondo Association,

October, Yong Kwan will be hosting the up coming British Taekwondo Sparring and Patterns competition to be held in Ferryhill Leisure Centre on October the 25th clubs from over the UK will attend hope this should be the first of many

November, Two Students will be attending Twin Tigers in Scunthorpe for promotion to Black Belt

December Final grading of the year and Christmas Party to round of a year of hard work

Many thanks to the support from Trimdon Grange Community Centre

Ian Foster 2nd Dan  
Senior Instructor

## Sunflower Yoga

A local newly qualified instructor contacted us to run sessions from our centre twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday morning. Due to Covid restrictions this has to be put on hold until 2021 however online classes were offered direct.



## THE FUTURE

In 2021 our aim is to go from strength to strength by providing:-

- provide more services for all ages, by networking with various agencies
- . to secure funding to enable Management Committee to keep our part time centre manager who is based in the centre each day
- . Recruit and train more volunteers for adhoc or regular activities
- . put Trimdon Grange Community Centre on the map; via - website, newsletter, media, links with local groups etc..
- . hold more community events and larger events outdoors
- . To communicate effectively by conducting surveys and interviews with the residents of Trimdon Grange face to face. To establish the best way to promote and provide the support and activities needed most by the whole community
- . to lead the way in environmentally friendly projects
- . To ensure that our community centre survives the government cuts, and remains a hive of activity
- . To obtain an alcohol licence allowing us to hold parties in our beautiful wood room with the freshly installed indoor marquee, raising our footfall and revenue

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT;

various Trusts

Sedgefield Borough Council/Trimdon Parish

Durham County Council

Livin/AAP/CDCF

Groundworks & Community Spaces

Local People and Volunteers

Caretaker

Local Schools

Voluntary Sector



## Spending by categories - C:\Users\TGCA\Desktop\TGCC19 dec.am] - AceMoney

Category	Code	#	Expense	Income	Total
Advertising		1	28.78		-28.78
Anti- Virus		1	119.99		-119.99
Armed Forces Day		3	212.55		-212.55
Cleaning		3	167.37		-167.37
Covid 19		29	7661.66		-7661.66
Donation		6		900.00	900.00
Equipment		13	2588.43	75.00	-2513.43
Expenses		1	769.00		-769.00
Food		3	388.80		-388.80
Fund Raising		42	204.00	1341.91	1137.91
Grants		19		66436.50	66436.50
Half term		20	2728.41	1041.50	-1686.91
Insurance		2	1061.37	242.41	-818.96
Licences		1	94.67		-94.67
Maintenance		25	3630.70	97.36	-3533.34
Miscellaneous		8	1501.27		-1501.27
Mobile		4	40.00		-40.00
over 50s		10	1955.75		-1955.75
postage		1	8.40		-8.40
Room hire		16		3065.00	3065.00
Savings		12		38.32	38.32
SLA		2	3703.62		-3703.62
Stationery		1	22.06		-22.06
Telephone		1	11.94		-11.94
tni - Covid 19		3	1290.00		-1290.00
Training - tni		2	180.00		-180.00
Utilities		44	5085.44		-5085.44
Wages and Salary		18	5660.32		-5660.32
Wages and Salary - tni		3	1800.00		-1800.00
youth club		11	1461.89	229.99	-1231.90
(Unassigned)		2			0.00
Total		307	42376.42	73467.99	31091.57



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2nd January 2022

Dear Mrs., Duddin,

Re. Trimdon Grange Community Centre

Thank you for the opportunity to Audit your 2020 Accounts. I am able from the outset, able to confirm from the papers supplied to myself, as always there are no issues in your accounts that I find. Indeed, as always, they were clear and easy to understand.

Listed below is a breakdown of your results for the year.

**Income**

Grants	£66436.50
Events	£1041.50
Donation	£900
Equipment	£75
Fund Raising	£1341.91
Insurance	£242.41
Room Hire	£3065
Interest	£38.32
Youth Club	£229.99

A total of £73467.99



### **Expenditure**

Administration	£1154.85
Cleaning	£167.37
COVID	£9071.65
Equipment	£2588.43
Fund Raising	£204.00
Youth Club	£1461.89
Insurance	£1061.37
Maintenance	£3630.70
Miscellaneous	£1561.27
SLA	£3703.62
Utilities	£5085.44
Salary	£7460.32

**A total of £42376.42**

The overall effect of this is: -

Income	£73467.99
Expenditure	£42376.42
Surplus	£31091.57

The main comment to make is clearly the effect on COVID. The Grants are an excellent amount and if you take this out of your income the following normal income is

Room Hire £3065

Fund Raising £1341.91

A total of other income of £7031.49



However, you continued to provide for all aspects of your Community which is reflected in the Expenditure, and should be congratulated. It is also well to note the COVID effect will be an aspect of the 21 accounts.

Once again, no issues are raised.

Regards

John Robinson

O:- Mrs. P.Duddin TGCC Treasurer.