

TRIMDON GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Registered Charity No. 01157343

Annual Report 2021



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.

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 2 computers, plus laptops and ipads 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

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| 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

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| Durham County Council | |
| Durham Rural Community Council | |
| Area Action Partnerships | |
| Trimdon Parish Council | Cllr Lucy Hovvels Cllr Varty Cllr Miller |
| Sure Start/One Point centres | |

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 12 noon Pie & peas

Plus daily freshly baked scones & coffee from 10.30-1pm

TUESDAY 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

WED. 11.00-12.00 Dance with Maxine ladies only £5
5.00-6.45 Youth Club – 50p 7-12yrs
7.00-8.30 Youth Club - £1 12+

THURS. 6.30-7.30pm Sunflower Yoga & meditation

FRIDAY 10.00-1.00 social club
10.00 Friendly walking group

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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2021 HIGHLIGHTS

COVID RESPONSE/RECOVERY

2020 taught us a lot about how to progress as a community and we grew and gained so many volunteers making us a stronger village. We now have a regular centre manager in place thanks to funding from the National Lottery and daily volunteers to assist in our drop in. This has enabled us to strengthen our networking with local partnerships and other likewise community groups. All of our large events are now undertaken outdoors as this is what the community want which shows in the participation of huge families and numbers and again the volunteers for making it all happen. Lots of pictures can be seen on our website and social media pages.

ARMED FORCES DAY

In June 2019, we held our very 1st 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 2021 was bigger and better than ever with the local mining display, the army soup kitchens attending, various uniformed services, making full use of our small village and area it was a huge success once again.

Sadly Trimdon Grange Infants School was earmarked for closure and we managed to save the beautiful window previously on show at the school, designed by children of Trimdon Grange and showing our heritage in an amazing way. This is now pride of place in the centre.



On-going developments

We have been planning events for throughout the year and for 2022 for all ages and all seasons with our new volunteers we can continue going from strength to strength to provide low cost activities and events for the local people.

Friday morning walking group

A group of volunteers started a walking group in our lovely little area and its gone from a few to at least 15-20 each week, walking from the next villages to meet up, take it at their own pace and then returning back to the community centre for freshly baked scones and a coffee or relaxing in the beautiful garden on a sunny day. Occasionally they take a trip out further a field. Thanks to one of our new volunteers for taking the lead on this fantastic new group.



Friday morning social group

Every Friday morning we meet and provide a free 2 hour craft session, started in 2017 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 provided 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 and is open to all members of the public of all ages.



JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Wednesdays 5-7pm

Over the last 13 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. Due to covid we have been unable to continue and recruit good quality youth workers which we are continuously trying to overcome by working with other agencies. We combat this now by doing family trips in the school holidays thanks to funding from DCC fun & food and the volunteers.



Family fun

We have reinvented ourselves due to struggling to obtain youth workers and now offer family fun in the holidays for all to enjoy. Thanks to funding from DCC and various other partnerships we can do this at very low cost and often free. We plan a busy schedule for families to join in with each week and have a free meal each time. Check out all our photos on social media albums.



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 2nd 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.

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=trimdongrante.centre&set=a.3527134914046033>



DANCE IT LIVE IT

with Sophie Johnson.

After 13 years of being based at Trimdon Grange Community Centre Sophie took the decision of retiring from Dance and sadly it is no longer running. We wish to thank Sophie and her tutors and children for attending these sessions for so long and so many have gone on to pursue professional dancing/acting careers.

Lets Dance with Maxine

Every Wednesday morning we have a brand new class for ladies only, dance with Maxine, this class has now 20 plus members every week who enjoy a bit of rock n roll and keeping fit at the same time. They usually always stay for refreshment and socialising afterwards.



Muddy run

Twice a year we are host to a popular muddy run organisation who use our centre as a base for a fun run in the area, mapped out by volunteers along with their leader. This event is hugely popular and runners must book in advance. Colder months we offer pie and peas when the runners return back to the centre



Sunflower Yoga

A local newly qualified instructor contacted us to run sessions from our centre twice a week, Tuesday morning chair based and Thursday evening for all. Due to Covid restrictions in 2020 classed were offered online, this has now returned to the centre twice a week and continues to be popular.

THE FUTURE

In 2022 our aim is to go from strength to strength by providing:-

- provide more services for all ages, by networking with various agencies
- . to be sustainable to enable us to continue to employ a Centre Manager along with the volunteers and Management Committee 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\TGCC20 dec.amj - AceMoney

| Category | Code | # | Expense | Income | Total |
|-------------------------|------|----|---------|----------|----------|
| Advertising - tnl | | 2 | 366.68 | | -366.68 |
| Anti- Virus | | 1 | 124.99 | | -124.99 |
| Armed Forces Day | | 7 | 2764.20 | 1405.00 | -1359.20 |
| Brass Band | | 2 | 250.00 | | -250.00 |
| Bus Hire | | 1 | 195.00 | | -195.00 |
| Bus Trip | | 9 | 1915.00 | 88.00 | -1827.00 |
| Cash paid in | | 1 | 150.00 | | -150.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | | 1 | 120.00 | | -120.00 |
| Christmas Lights | | 1 | 600.00 | | -600.00 |
| Christmas Parties | | 1 | 128.84 | | -128.84 |
| Cleaning | | 4 | 238.80 | | -238.80 |
| Covid 19 | | 2 | 1100.00 | 1100.00 | 0.00 |
| Crafts | | 2 | 29.36 | | -29.36 |
| Crafts tnl | | 1 | 73.85 | | -73.85 |
| Deposits | | 23 | | 395.00 | 395.00 |
| Donation | | 14 | | 1247.10 | 1247.10 |
| Entertaining | | 1 | 150.00 | | -150.00 |
| Entrance Fees | | 1 | 739.00 | | -739.00 |
| Equipment | | 9 | 1926.83 | | -1926.83 |
| Equipment - tnl | | 4 | 1684.66 | | -1684.66 |
| Expenses | | 6 | 1758.50 | | -1758.50 |
| Expenses-tnl | | 1 | 274.20 | | -274.20 |
| Food | | 29 | 3760.00 | | -3760.00 |
| Fund Raising | | 14 | 330.00 | 5302.96 | 4972.96 |
| Grants | | 18 | | 53898.68 | 53898.68 |
| H/D Generator | | 1 | 599.99 | | -599.99 |
| Insurance | | 1 | 919.28 | | -919.28 |
| Insurance 2020 | | 1 | | 292.41 | 292.41 |
| Kitchen | | 12 | 1467.52 | 1515.00 | 47.48 |
| Licence - Events | | 1 | 50.00 | | -50.00 |
| Licences | | 1 | 97.51 | | -97.51 |
| Maintenance | | 3 | 2773.12 | | -2773.12 |
| Maintenance - tnl | | 1 | 1633.00 | | -1633.00 |
| Membership | | 1 | 50.00 | | -50.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 10 | 782.75 | 758.99 | -23.76 |
| Repairs | | 2 | 627.85 | | -627.85 |
| Room hire | | 36 | 180.00 | 3585.50 | 3405.50 |
| Savings | | 2 | | 0.76 | 0.76 |
| Seniors Christmas party | | 1 | 59.15 | | -59.15 |

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|------------------------|--|-----|----------|----------|-----------|
| stamps | | 2 | 25.38 | | -25.38 |
| Summer Fun | | 2 | 1580.50 | 24.00 | -1556.50 |
| Summer trip | | 6 | 265.00 | 650.00 | 385.00 |
| Telephone | | 16 | 226.52 | | -226.52 |
| tnl - Covid 19 | | 6 | 3333.21 | | -3333.21 |
| Utilities | | 40 | 4783.80 | | -4783.80 |
| Wages and Salary | | 21 | 11425.56 | | -11425.56 |
| Wages and Salary - tnl | | 3 | 1800.00 | | -1800.00 |
| Yoga | | 7 | 546.00 | 318.00 | -228.00 |
| Total | | 331 | 51906.05 | 70581.40 | 18675.35 |

John Robinson

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23rd October

Dear Members

I am able to confirm, having audited your accounts covering 01/01/201 to 31/12/21, I find no issues to raise. As usual Mrs. P.Duddin has them in order. I would raise the following with you,

INCOME

The highlights are:-

Armed Forces £1405

COVID £1100

Donations £1247

Fund raising £5303

Kitchen £1515

Grants £53899

Miscellaneous £1154

Room hire £3686

EXPENDITURE

Armed Forces £2768

Bus Trip £2110

Christmas Lights £600

COVID £4433

Food £3760

Wages £13226

Equipment £3611

Generator £600

Insurance £919

Kitchen £1468

Maintenance £5034

Miscellaneous £783

Entrance Fees £739

Summer £1840

Utilities £4789

You will see the different areas you concentrated on during the year. You continue to maintain and improve the building, across the whole site. The generator will assist at this time.

The income as usual relies on room hire, donations and grants. You will note the input from COVID and other grants and the major impact it had on the centre and your finances.

The Total Income for the year was £70081

The total expenditure for the year was £51906

This leaves an operating surplus of £18,675.

On the statements provided to myself your accounts closed the year on

Current Account £73,844

Deposit £11272

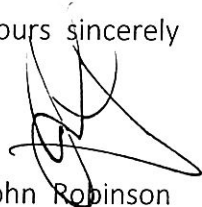
A total of £85,116.

It is interesting to note your deposit interest was £0.76!

Once again thank you for asking me, congratulations to you all and Pam, and best wishes for the future.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John Robinson', written over the printed name.

John Robinson