

TRIMDON GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Registered Charity No. 01157343

Annual Report 2023



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

Chairperson	Mr Paul Stephens
Vice Chairperson	Mr David Smith
Secretary	Mrs Susan Carrington
Treasurer	Mrs Pamela Kay Duddin
Executive Members	Mrs Joanne Maddison Mrs Fran Elliott
Friends of TGCC	Annette Luke Anne Dent Lynsey Pike Darryl Ramage Geraldine Wilson
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 Cllr Varty Cllr Miller
Sure Start/One Point centres	

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 12 noon Pie & peas
7-9pm Mens social club

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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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

KINGS CORONATION

In May 2023 we came together as a community and celebrated the Kings Coronation with a party!! Great fun as always and our fantastic volunteers and user groups joining in



ARMED FORCES DAY

In June 2019, we held our very 1st Armed Forces/Family Fun day which was 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 each year we get 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.



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 volunteers very successfully and continues to grow and is open to all members of the public of all ages.



JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB Mondays 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. We continue to look for qualified youth workers to bring back our youth club to the centre and the children.



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=trimdongrange.centre&set=a.3527134914046033>



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.



We have been successful in obtaining an alcohol licence which continues to attract bookings for parties, social events and bringing in much needed revenue and new footfall.



Our beautiful marquee and new chairs funded by CDCF all enhance the building and make a lovely venue for the community to use either socially or for training facilities

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 2024 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
- .

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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

Trimdon Grange Community Association - 2023

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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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3 Findings

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- 3.2. I attempted to reconcile the amounts to the bank statement but could not identify all the records. I had a meeting with the Treasurer, and it was agreed to carry out my own analysis of the records to complete a statement of accounts and bank reconciliation for the current account.
- 3.3. Using my spreadsheet records a statement of accounts and fund reconciliation was produced detailing all the receipts and payments for the period. This gave a fund record of £76,038.48 which reconciled to the current account as at 31st December 2023.
- 3.4. The Community Centre also holds a deposit account which is used to obtain bank interest and during the year a transfer of £30,000 was made from the current account to it.

4. Conclusions/Recommendations

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Fund Auditor,

Dated: 3rd November 2024.

Trimdon Grange Community Association -Current Account		
1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023		
Income	£	
Funding/Grants	19,559.78	
Activities	8,937.93	
Bar	4,808.49	
Kitchen	8,133.69	
Fundraising	902.78	
Room hire	5,306.23	
Youth club	56.00	
Youth Worker	5,000.00	
DCC	200.00	
Wages	5,928.00	
Easter	211.00	
Donation	642.50	
Raffles	726.00	
Christmas	783.00	
Utilities refund	576.15	
Miscellaneous	152.00	
Total Income	61,923.55	
Expenditure	£	
Utilities	5646.7	
Bar	2357.14	
Wages	5788.56	
Trips/Activities	16799.17	
Equipment	2046.44	
DCC	38	
Stationery	864.43	
Design	3000	
Christmas	1069.13	
Auction	1202.8	
Maintainance	1017.41	
CCTV	4125	
Licence	1234.04	
Cleaning	279.54	
Miscllaneous	376.57	
Total Expenditure	45844.93	

RECONCILIATION		
	£	
Opening Balance as at 1st January 2023	89,958.91	
Add income during the year	61,923.55	
Less expenditure during the year	- 45,844.93	
Transfer to deposit account	- 30,000.00	
Unexplained adjustment	0.95	
Closing fund Balance	76,038.48	
	£	
Bank balance as at 31st December 2023	77,963.10	
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