

# SPITAL TONGUES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1158929

## Details

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**Other names** STCA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-10-22

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND SPITAL TONGUES (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE "AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS 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.(2) ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.(3) PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

**Activities:** We run the Spitler, a community building in the Spital Tongues area of Newcastle. The space is available to hire for events, training, meetings, film shows and parties. We support a range of regular activities such as yoga sessions, fortnightly community bingo, a film club, a reading group and a craft group. All welcome.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,542	£5,121	-	-
2024-03-31	£8,171	£11,067	-	-
2023-03-31	£4,229	£3,491	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,756	£2,508	-	-
2021-03-31	£673	£2,297	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
David Michael McRae		2022-08-31
Joyce McCarty Councillor		2022-11-24
Linda Harwood		2022-08-22
Ruth Ann Todd		2022-08-22

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# Spital Tongues Community Association

## Annual Report for residents 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

It has been another busy year at the Spitaler maintaining and improving the building and garden, dealing with health and safety and equipment inspections; organising and running events and managing hire of the premises and continuing our co-operative relationship with St. Luke's.

Regular events organised throughout the year were the weekly Wednesday afternoon social, and monthly events including the Quiz night, the Film night and the litter pick. Our annual Christmas and Easter celebration events were well attended and local businesses and Bowmer and Kirkland were very generous in donating much appreciated raffle prizes.

Two recent events that have become very popular are the annual Burns Night event and the Wine Tasting event. Both these events require an entrance fee to cover some of the costs of the refreshments.

It would not be possible to run any of these events without the input of volunteers who give their time and expertise freely. Special thanks to you all for your help throughout the year. You know who you are.

Spital Tongues Community Association (STCA) is not in receipt of any regular financial grants. The majority of our income is the fees received from hirers of the building. However we are particularly pleased to announce Spital Tongues now has a defibrillator installed outside Little Nino's. This was initiated by the Community Centre making application and paying half the £1500 cost of the defibrillator and a London Charity (London Hearts) covering the other half. We also paid for the defibrillator to be installed and give thanks to Little Nino's for agreeing to have it installed outside their premises.

### Financial report for the year

Balance at 1 April 2024	£9436.62
Income for the year	£4542.53
Expenditure for the year	£5121.45
Balance at 31 March 2025	£8857.70

(Note that last year we submitted figures from 26 March 2024 as the end of year balance, for accuracy this year we are taking this up to 31 March 2025.)

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## **Spital Tongues Community Association**

### **Annual report for residents April 2023 – March 2024**

#### **Looking after the centre, building improvements and maintenance**

Repairs to blinds, toilets, kitchen sink leak, garden fence posts, front door handle, radiator valve in women's toilet

New chairs purchased

Plants for the garden bought, paid gardener to clear then volunteers kept garden tidy, hanging basket and trellis removed and benches painted with special thanks to Jeremy.

Doormats replaced

Notice board replaced outside and planning noticeboard inside

Rehung maps of the village

New hand driers installed in the toilets

Monthly cleaning of the centre organised following regular 'big clean' sessions by some trustees

Outdoor painting completed

Annual health and safety inspection was excellent with only one issue (yet to be resolved) of the tree overhanging the centre.

Fire extinguisher inspection

Smart TV bought and installed, we have a TV licence

Compliance officer visit to check electrical and gas certification

New LED lighting in the centre

Defibrillator purchased with help from a charity

Kitchen floor replaced

Outdoor store for garden equipment purchased and great fun building it at a social

Tabards bought for the litter picking group

Replacement child safety gate sorted for the kitchen.

#### **Management of the centre**

Purchase of a community centre phone

Updated terms of hire

Agreed we would not take one-off bookings for bank holidays

Sky broadband installed

First aid training planned and undertaken by 3 trustees and others.

### **Events in the centre and community involvement**

Leaflet prepared and delivered across village

Meeting held to discuss volunteering and trustee recruitment was successful

Very well attended AGM

And all insurances covered too

Wednesday social every week continues successfully and supported by volunteers who bring food and flowers, then help to clean up and plan events in the centre.

Special events for Easter and Christmas also very well attended and successful. Thanks to Cosy Dove, Little Ninos, Londis and those involved in the university development for raffle prizes.

The Burns Night event was a real highlight with so many thanks to Joyce, Raymond and Vicky for all their hard work in making that such a success.

Quiz nights began before the end of December and have taken place each month run by volunteers with well attended and successful participation. Thanks to Jackie and Martin for helping make these so successful.

The monthly litter pick continues successfully, followed by a cuppa and discussions about the centre.

Bingo meets every two weeks with good prizes shared and run by volunteers. Thanks to Sandra and Peter.

The centre is booked by a range of others for private events, children's parties and barbeques in the garden.

The trustees place on record thanks to those local residents who help to ensure events are well attended and in many cases volunteers run events. The centre relies on volunteers and we extend huge thanks to those involved.

### **Finances for 2023/2024**

Balance at 31/03/2023	£13,241
Income from 1/04/2023 to 31/03/2024	£8,171
Expenditure from 1/04/2023 to 31/03/2024	£11,067
Leaves a balance at 31/03/2024	£9,105

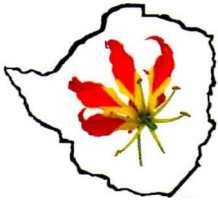
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**Zimbabwe Pensioners Support Fund**  
**Charity No: 1161646**



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## **ANNUAL REPORT ZIMBABWE PENSIONERS SUPPORT FUND (UK)** **For year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

We have been saddened this year to lose one of our founder trustees Mrs Heather Milner who sadly passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. Heather was instrumental in setting up the fund here in UK and worked tirelessly to support our beloved pensioners in Zimbabwe. She always thought of the golden oldies, as she called them, and her dying wish was that donations be given to the fund in lieu of flowers. We will miss her enthusiasm and drive but we know she is at last out of pain and resting peacefully. Her faith was a great comfort to her.

The fund has opened bank accounts in Europe, USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia with Wise bank to facilitate people who wish to donate in those countries. These accounts are filtered through our UK account and all funds sent on to the head office in South Africa for the purchase of goods for the pensioners. The system has worked well so far, and we get better exchange rates and lower bank charges. We will continue to monitor the situation and follow our auditor's advice.

In November our chairman, Prof. Anthony Granger attended a Zane organized conference in London where various charities working in Zimbabwe made presentations.

As treasurer I have attended several online webinars organized by the Charity Commission. These have been useful in making sure we are complying with all legal requirements for charities. As a result, we have tightened up our handling of the fund and put in place tighter controls.

We have managed to send £84000 to South Africa this financial year. We continue to be amazed at how generous the diaspora is here in the UK despite the cost-of-living crisis.

My thanks to all the trustees for their continued support.

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Report for the charity commission.

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Any other bookings are charged at £20.00 per hour.

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## **Spital Tongues Community Association**

# **Financial Statement and Annual Report**

### **For year ending 31st March 2021**

The Spitler  
Morpeth Street  
Spital Tongues  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE2 4AS

**Charity Number: 1158929**

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**Spital Tongues CA Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Full name** Spital Tongues Community Association

**Registered charity number** 1158929

**Main Address**

The Spitler

Morpeth Street

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE2 4AS

## **Committee Members**

<b>Names</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Joining Date</b>
Alison Dobby	Secretary	February 2015
Alice Ward	Ex Officio	February 2015
Don Morrison		November 2019
Robin Seymour		November 2019
James Conroy		September 2020
Linda O' Neill		March 2021

## **Bankers**

CAF Bank

25, Kings Hill

West Malling

Kent

ME19 4JQ

## **Governance and Management**

The Spital Tongues CA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is made up of a partnership between the Spital Tongues community and St Luke's Church. There can be up to 8 trustees, 2-5 of which should be appointed from the community and the church and a further 2 trustees can be nominated from the church alone. The vicar of the church acts as an ex-officio trustee. As it is a non-membership organisation, trustees are appointed by the Management Committee. The committee holds regular meetings to discuss all business plans and organised activities. Decisions are made by majority at Management Committee meetings. Wherever possible, all committee members are offered and encouraged to take part in training programmes to help them carry out their role as Trustees.

## **Purpose**

The Community Association aims to run The Spitler as a community resource , providing an inclusive, welcoming, well maintained and well equipped venue for community activities and events. Activities are also run for the benefit of local residents. The building is leased long-term from Newcastle City Council and the Community Association has responsibility for its development and maintenance. The Committee has endeavoured to sustain and keep the centre open by hiring it to groups and individuals for meetings, events, training and social activities.

## **Summary of the main achievements during this period**

Throughout most of this 12 months, The Spitler had to remain closed due to the Corona Virus pandemic. We endeavoured to make good use of the time by sprucing up the inside and outside space. Thanks to Don for helping to repaint the fence - a job which took considerably longer than anticipated! Some money was spent laying gravel at the front of the building to replace the small grassed areas which had become untidy. Thanks also to Jimmy who continued to ensure the upkeep of the building and that it was cleaned regularly.

Our partnership with St Luke's continues to be strong. Although we were unable to hold our regular and well supported Community Barbecue in the summer, a group of musicians from St Luke's came into The Spitler garden on August Bank holiday weekend and played live music (socially distanced) which was much appreciated by the local community.

Again, although we were unable to hold our usual Community Carol singing around Spital Tongues, our outside Christmas tree and band of musicians and singers from St Luke's who performed a selection of Carols at various locations in the village, including The Spitler garden, were well received.

There were also further changes in the Management Committee as we said goodbye to Di Barnes, who moved to Manchester. Her huge commitment and contribution to The Spitler was greatly valued and acknowledged by all. We also said goodbye to Mary Dodds, who decided that after many years of huge support for The Spitler it was time to step down. We thank her for her generosity and hard work and participation.

It was decided that prior to The Spitler being able to re-open, a fresh advertisement of our space should be distributed in the local area, to try to engage and recruit new members to the Committee. Leaflets and posters were commercially printed and given out by volunteers. We were very pleased in March to welcome Linda O'Neill, a local resident, to the committee.

Our hire was very limited during this year. One hirer was the drummer of Northern Horizons, who used the space to practice for a month, the other was

Newcastle University Theatre Society. As they were engaged in a project with the charity 'Acting for Others', we were legally able to offer them the space for their rehearsal of a performance of 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. Although the payment for these sessions will be made in the financial year 2021-2022, it was good to see the space used during this time. Our total for hire this year was £105, obviously very much down on last year but for reasons out of our control.

Other income came from the donation of unwanted books and CDs which were sold using a company called Zapper. The sale of these items totalled £57.00.

This year our expenses amounted to £2,743.98. Although some of our costs were lower, due to very limited use, we have had to pay regular expenses such as insurance, ground rent, bank fees etc.

We have had to purchase a new Hoover at a cost of @£125. Approximately £80 was spent on the garden – fence paint, varnish for outside furniture, gravel and new plants. A donation of £100 which was given to us last year covers this cost.

We were awarded a grant of £500 in December 2020 from Newcastle City Council. This is a restricted fund to contribute to costs of re-opening the venue in a Covid safe manner. £212.00 of this has been spent on cleaning materials, sanitizer, face masks etc and payment to Jimmy for extra deep cleaning in between NUTS rehearsals.

As in previous years, we have tried to keep a presence on social media, attempting to update our Facebook and webpage as often as possible.

Finally, thanks to all the volunteers and committee members who have kept The Spitler afloat during these particularly difficult times. We trust that the next year we will once again be able to open our doors fully and be the community resource we desire it to be.

### **The Charity's Policy on Reserves**

This year has highlighted more than ever the need for the CIO to set up a sinking fund in order to build up reserves to meet the ongoing upkeep and development costs of The Spitler.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed

# Spital Tongues CA Financial Statement 2021

Date

Alison Dobby, secretary

## Spital Tongues Community Association - Receipts and Payments Account year ended 31 March 2021

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Room hire	£105.00		£105.00
Restricted funds/grants		£500.00	£500.00
Fund raising	£56.99		£56.99
Misc	£12.00		£12.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£173.99</b>		<b>£673.99</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Running costs (energy,water)	£916.22		£916.22
Insurance	£596.30		£596.30
Wifi	£229.99		£222.99
inks/stationery	£33.00		£33.00
Building/ maintenance	£288.12		£282.02

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Covid cleaning		£134.23	
Garden	£80.56		£30.56
promotion	£212.00		£212.00
Ground rent	£184.56		£184.56
Bank fees	£69.00		£69.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£2,609.75</b>	<b>£134.23</b>	<b>£2,743.98</b>
<b>Receipts minus payments</b>	<b>-£2,346.66</b>	<b>£365.77</b>	<b>-£1,981.66</b>
<b>Bank and cash in hand at start of period</b>	<b>£15,286.77</b>		<b>£15,286.77</b>
<b>Bank and cash in hand at end of period</b>	<b>£13,217.87</b>		<b>£13,217.87</b>

**Spital Tongues Community Association  
Balance Sheet  
For the year ended 31st March 2021**

**Current Assets  
2021**

**2020**

Bank Account  
**£13,217.87**  
Cash in hand

**£15,287.66**

Debtors ; Amount falling due  
Within 1 year less bad debt

none

none

**£13,217.87**

**£15,287.66**

**Current Liabilities**

Creditors : Amount falling due  
Within 1 year

none

none

**Total current Assets less**

**Total current liabilities**  
**£13,217.87**

**£15,287.66**

**Funds**

Restricted income	0	£500
Unrestricted income & cash in hand	£19,486.69	£15,961.65

Payment	-£4,199.03	- £2,743.98
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**£13,217.67**

**£15,287.66**

**Spital Tongues CA Detailed Income and Expenditure Sheet  
year ended 31st March 2021**

<b>Incoming Resources</b>	
Room hire	£105
Fundraising	£56.99
Misc	£12.00
Grants	£500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£673.99</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>	
Insurance	£506.30
Gas	£367.14
Water	£154.05
Electricity	£395.00
Cleaning (Covid)	£143.23

Wi-fi	£229.99
Bank fees	£69.00
Garden	£80.56
Equipment and maintenance	£282.12
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£2,7493.98</b>
<b>INCOME-EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-£1981.66</b>

### Spital Tongues Community Association Bank Reconciliation

Brought forward from last year	£15,287.66
Income-expenditure	- £1,981.66
In bank on 1st April 2021	£ 13,217.67
Cash in hand	None

### Notes to the account for year ended 31st March 2021

#### 1 Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context 'cash' includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts, where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

#### 2 Grants and donations

A grant of £500 was received during this period from NCC to assist safe re-opening of premises.

#### 3 Committee members remuneration

None

**4 Related party Transactions**

None to report

**5 Restricted funds Analysis**

Of the £500 grant, £134.23 was spent on additional cleaning materials and resources such as hand sanitizer, wipes, gloves and extra cleaning done by Jimmy to make the building Covid secure.

These Financial Statements have been compiled by the Secretary and approved by members of the committee and signed by the Chair on their behalf

**Date**  
**Print name**

**Signature**

**Position**