

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	02	December	2023		01	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Hub Fenton

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1160110

Charity's principal address

217 Dimsdale Parade West

Newcastle

Staffs

Postcode

ST5 8ED

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Howard Edwards	Secretary		Existing Trustees
2	John Goodwin	Treasurer		Existing Trustees
3	Carole Kind	Chair		Existing Trustees
4	Lynn Williams			Existing Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Carole Kind

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity seeks support from various agencies to ensure that it complies with all requirements. It works closely with Voluntary Action Staffs and The Community Foundation for Staffordshire. The charity has a positive working relationship with Adult Social Care, Supported Living providers and NHS staff from the Learning Disability Team. The trustees have been supported by a management team which is drawn from the volunteers who regularly deliver activities.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To benefit the residents of Stoke on Trent and surrounding neighbourhoods regardless of sex, sexual orientation, race or political and religious persuasion.
To enlist the aid of local authorities and voluntary organisations in providing a platform and facilities to improve the welfare and quality of life for local residents.
Trustees are empowered to establish a community centre and to co-operate with any statutory authority in the management and maintenance of such a centre.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity has been established for ten years. In the year 2023-2024, the number of activities has continued to increase, along with the number of people attending.

Throughout the year, the charity has worked to support members of the community. It is well used by those living within walking distance and others who travel from further areas of the City.

Working with adults

Adult sessions continue to be well attended. The main activities are table games, crafts, pottery, gardening and cooking. The Hub also offers access and support with information technology.

Some people attend purely for the opportunity to enjoy companionship and make new friends. Those who live in supported accommodation enjoy having a place to go where they meet other socially isolated people and share experiences.

Working with families

The Hub continues its policy to involve families in activities wherever possible. This year, the City of Stoke on Trent celebrated its centenary. In partnership with Valentine Clays, The Hub worked with local people and schools to create, glaze and display one hundred kilns to recognise the event.

Partnership working

The Hub continues to have good links with Heron Cross Allotments. Volunteers assist in supporting members to maintain raised vegetable beds, planters and the greenhouse.

A trustee who is employed by the local Coop is a regular volunteer. The staff at the store work closely with us and help to identify local people who are vulnerable.

Consultation

All attendees are consulted on a regular basis. The management team and trustees consider all requests and deliver those that are affordable and practical.

Consultation takes place on a one-to-one basis. The trustees have ensured that throughout the year, the activities have been for public benefit and are in line with the stipulated objectives of the charity.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Hub does not offer grants.

There are no investments.

Volunteers offer support to tend the garden and assist with the delivery of activities. There are fourteen volunteers who attend regularly.

The number of hours contributed by volunteers in this reporting year has increased from 3053 in the year ending December 2023 to 3,437 in the year ending December 2024.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity continues to be an essential provider of creative activities for all age groups who wish to attend.
The main achievement has been to increase the number of members and wider the range of activities.

The Hub offers a significant number of placements for Health and Social students. T level students have attended for 10 week blocks.

The Hub continues to offer activities on 5 days a week, along with trips to the seaside.

There are four active Community Health Champions who liaise with Social Prescribers, Community Nurses, Speech Therapists and Social Care staff to support improvements in health and well-being of vulnerable individuals.

Volunteers support older people who are socially isolated, often through reduced mobility, with shopping and visits to the GP, or to collect pensions and pay bills.

In partnership with the local Coop, funds were raised to provide a defibrillator outside the building. A local neighbour gave a significant donation to help us reach the target. The councillor also made a generous donation from the ward budget.

Partnership working with a range of providers includes:

Social Care and NHS
Voluntary Action Stoke
Coalfield Regeneration Trust
Stoke South Primary Care Network
Stoke on Trent College
Fenton Coop
Brighter Futures
Heron Cross Allotments
Valentine Clays
Sixth Form College
Stoke on Trent City Council

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have reserves. There is sufficient cash to support activities for the coming year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

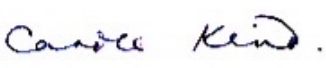

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Carole Kind	Howard Edwards
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	11 June 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Hub Fenton

1160110

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

02/12/2023

To

01/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Activity	16,840	-	-	16,840	11,096
Donations	135	1,600	-	1,735	445
Community Health Grant		2,333	-	2,333	3,655
Capital		5,374	-	5,374	-
Cost of Living Support		3,700	-	3,700	5,550
Community Support Grant (Cultural 22-23)		2,857	-	2,857	6,880
Health Support (Awards for All 22-23)		6,000	-	6,000	10,000
Coalfields	-	-	-	-	5,000
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,975	21,864	-	38,839	42,626
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,975	21,864	-	38,839	42,626
A3 Payments					
Resources and activity		1,712	-	1,712	2,175
Premises, rents, utilities	4,828	5,000	-	9,828	9,926
Refreshments	2,131	2,800	-	4,931	3,272
Insurance	254	-	-	254	234
Wages		3,983	-	3,983	9,923
Volunteer expenses 22-23		-	-	-	120
Sessional workers	1,360	-	-	1,360	5,617
Admin, payroll, phones, printing/marketing	837	-	-	837	1,339
Coach hire	1,990	-	-	1,990	2,930
Sub total	11,400	13,495	-	24,895	35,536
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Fan heaters and chairs	-	4,226	-	4,226	-
Defibrillator	-	1,785	-	1,785	-
Sub total	-	6,011	-	6,011	-
Total payments	11,400	19,506	-	30,906	35,536
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,575	2,358	-	7,933	7,090
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,924	21,347	-	38,271	31,181
Cash funds this year end	22,499	23,705	-	46,204	38,271

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	22,499	23,705	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,499	23,705	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C Kind	Carole Kind	23/06/2025



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE HUB FENTON

On accounts for the year
ended

01/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1160110

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 01/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

25/09/2025

Name:

Guy Paul Weir

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

Address:

98 Lancaster Road, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire. ST5 1DS

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.