

AGM 2024 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It has been a complicated year, with many changes on the committee but we have now moved to a more settled footing and are looking forward to a bright future.

Whilst we have lost Kim, Carole and Laura as Trustees, Lee and Julie have joined our ranks.

Youth Club membership is steady and though the cohort changes weekly the average attendance is between 25 to 40 a week. Staffing is still volunteer only, and we continue to improve our training. Our junior volunteer, who started with us as a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer, has finished his course, but has chosen to remain with us and has become a valuable asset. We have taken the decision to provide free Youth Club sessions to those with families on means tested benefits, so that finances will no longer be a barrier to attendance. We have also begun providing more substantial free snacks as well as the usual free fruit.

Chole joined as a volunteer for events and the weekly running of the centre, along with a junior volunteer (who also became our first junior committee member). This has taken some of the strain off the committee and allowed for smoother transition between operations.

The Warm Spaces events have had a name change to Community Spaces and now run year long and provide a much-needed venue for local residents to keep warm, have a cooked meal and mix with other members of the community. A Craft Club operates within the session and is well attended.

Our twice monthly Bardney Market is becoming monthly and will be moving to the first Sunday in the month from next year, to reduce volunteer hours which have become too great and to prevent staff burn out. The markets continue to bring in valuable funds.

We have resecured the building lease for another 10 years after we reconciled the inventory.

We are preparing for the rebranding of the Gateway Centre, and a new logo has been created prior to launch.

Cleaning is now being done between the committee and volunteers which means there is no longer a need to pay wages or expenses.

The sports court has been resurfaced and made safe for use and is much appreciated, but we are still waiting for the car park to be re done.

We have changed the Youth Shield so that we now have runners up which rewards more children and makes them feel validated.

We have received grants from Lidl for signage and crafts and for funding for a Teddy bears Picnic event, which was very successful.

2024 – 2025 Accounts

Money In

Cash Donations	£316	
Fund Raising	£2557	
Youth Club	£3419	
Other	£6188	
	Total	£12480

Money Out

Money Out	£14393	
	Total	£14393

Balance

Year Start	£22,403.14	
Year end	£19,253.33	
Profit/Loss	-£3,149.81	