



## Chairperson's Report – Heaton Community Centre, 2024

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to reflect on what has been a highly productive and positive year for Heaton Community Centre. The Manager's report clearly illustrates the dedication, hard work, and passion of our staff team and volunteers, who continue to make the Centre a thriving and much-valued hub within our community.

This past year has seen significant growth in our childcare provision, with over 200 children now enrolled across our childcare services. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the trust that families place in us.

The continuation of the Holidays, Activities and Food (HAF) programme has been another highlight, allowing us to support over 100 children, many of whom benefited from funded places. The trips and activities arranged by our dedicated childcare team have provided invaluable experiences for local children and families, promoting inclusion, fun, and learning.

We are equally proud of the professional development within our staff team. The completion of new qualifications and apprenticeships demonstrates our ongoing commitment to growth and excellence. It's inspiring to see such enthusiasm for lifelong learning across the organisation, and we are delighted to welcome new members like our business admin apprentice, who bring fresh energy and skills to our work.

While we were sorry to say goodbye to a few long-standing community groups this year, we are pleased to have welcomed several new ones — from creative and social activities like the Fiddle class and youth club, to vital health and wellbeing programmes such as the NHS pulmonary rehabilitation sessions. The breadth and diversity of the 35 groups now operating within the Centre truly reflects the richness of our local community.

Financially, I am pleased to report that the Centre is in a stronger and more stable position. This stability provides a solid foundation for us to plan future growth and further enhance our facilities and services.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our Centre Manager, Deputy Manager and the entire team for their tireless efforts throughout the year. Their professionalism, creativity, and commitment ensure that Heaton Community Centre continues to be a place where people of all ages feel welcome, supported, and connected.

Looking ahead, the Board remains committed to supporting the staff team in building upon the successes of this year — ensuring that our Centre continues to adapt, innovate, and flourish at the heart of our community.

Christine Gosling  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees  
Heaton Community Centre



Charity Number: 1161406

**Heaton Community Centre CIO**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 December 2024**

# **Heaton Community Centre CIO**

## **Financial Statements**

**year ended 31 December 2023**

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# **Heaton Community Centre CIO**

## **Information**

**Year ended 31 December 2024**

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### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year were

C Gosling

A Gosling

J Ginks

J Bell (resigned 31.12.24)

### **Charity Number**

1161406

### **Registered Address**

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### **Independent Examiner**

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### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank Plc

# **Heaton Community Centre CIO**

## **Annual report of the Trustees**

### **for the year ended 31 December 2024**

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Heaton Community Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1161406 with a written constitution. The management committee is responsible for the day to day running of the centre. The assets of the charity were transferred from Heaton Community Centre at the start of the year. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Objects**

The objects of the community centre are to:

- (a) promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Heaton and the Neighbourhood together defined by Newcastle East (hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by association 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;
- (b) establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called "the 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.
- (c) promote such charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Association shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

#### **Future developments**

Over the next year, our aim is to expand the groups and services we provide while continuing to improve the quality of provision.

#### **Transactions and Financial Position**

Heaton Community Centre is in a stronger financial position, thanks to increased room hire and early years funding. Our goal is to keep this stability while managing rising running costs

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### Major risks

The building maintenance and up keep continues to be one of the biggest risk factors to the centre. We are continuing to work with Newcastle City Council to make improvements to ensure the building is wind and water tight.

### Reserves Policy

It is the trustees' policy to maintain liquid reserves of approximately 6 months running costs, to ensure staff costs are covered.

### Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report was approved by the trustees on 27 May 2025.

A Gosling  
Trustee

















