

BURNHOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1162463

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2015-06-30

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

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF BURNHOPE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS 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 OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR COOPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: The Charity is now in possession of the new Burnhope community centre for the parish of Burnhope. The charity was set up to provide recreational and social activity for the wellbeing of the residents of Burnhope Parish, which we now are able to do.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£163,891	£181,900	-	-
2024-03-31	£115,333	£108,139	-	-
2023-03-31	£90,214	£66,582	-	-
2022-03-31	£53,653	£65,941	-	-
2021-03-31	£58,956	£25,820	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Gibson BEM		2016-01-27
Douglas Henry Oliver		2025-06-04
Dr Heather Jane Galloway		2020-11-10
Helen Prow		2022-04-28
Ian David Galloway		2022-04-28
Marc Andrew Cliff		2023-11-22
Primary School Burnhope		2022-08-10

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Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025

Charity Incorporated Organisation Registration No: 1162463

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Centre report: April 2024 – March 2025

Groups & Activities:

Health, Fitness & Wellbeing

- **Community Gym** – Open at various times throughout the week for accessible fitness.
- **Yoga for Chronic Pain** – Gentle stretching and yoga designed for people living with chronic pain conditions.
- **The Vitality Group** – Follow-on wellbeing workshops and alternative therapies supporting participants with chronic pain. Regular attendance of 8–10, with additional occasional participants.
- **Zumba** – A fun and energetic exercise class suitable for all ages.
- **Pilates** – Inclusive sessions for all abilities, promoting core strength and flexibility.
- **Keep Moving** – A welcoming exercise class aimed at helping people begin or return to physical activity.
- **Seated Chair Exercises** – Gentle exercise designed especially for older adults.
- **Mindfulness** – Led by a trained mental-health volunteer, offering routines to support anxiety management, better sleep, and relaxation.
- **Health Squad** – Ran by the NHS, this makes primary health care accessible to those who have previously found it difficult.

Families, Children & Young People

- **Burnhope Bairns** – Term-time sessions for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their families.
- **Family Martial Arts (Taekwondo)** – A family-friendly class with Master Kim for ages 4+.
- **Family Supper Club** – A fun, hands-on cooking session where families try new foods and enjoy a healthy meal together.
- **Kids Klub (Wednesdays & Thursdays)** – School pick-up, games, crafts, and a healthy snack on arrival, followed by a hot meal.

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- **Messy Play** – A lively toddler group encouraging creative, sensory play.
- **Youth Drop-In** – Delivered in partnership with Derwentside Detached Youth Project.
- **Inclusive Connections Durham** – A monthly group for autistic children and their families, including seasonal celebration events.

Social, Creative & Community Groups

- **Café Church (Monthly)** – A relaxed, family-friendly space run by St John’s Church for exploring spiritual topics together.
- **Monday Club** – Bingo, quizzes, raffles, and friendly conversation over a cuppa.
- **Walking Group** – Weekly countryside walks followed by refreshments and company.
- **Wellbeing Café** – Light refreshments and creative activities supporting mental health awareness and self-care.
- **Wednesday Lunchtime Social (Over 55s)** – A welcoming lunch club offering a hot two-course meal and friendly company.
- **Life After Loss** – A drop-in safe space offering support for anyone coping with bereavement.
- **Crafting Companions** – A weekly creative meet-up for shared craft projects.
- **Sewing Bee (Monthly)** – A full-day sewing and crafting session.
- **Burnhope Flower Club (Monthly)** – Guided flower arranging with plenty of social time (and cake).
- **Heritage Project** – Permanent display trolley and corridor exhibitions showcasing Burnhope’s history and heritage.
- **Charity Table-Top Sale** – Organised by local volunteers to raise funds for community projects, including Burnhope Primary School and the Community Centre.
- **Bingo** – A much-loved weekly social event for residents.
- **Lunch Club (Monthly)** – A hot meal and relaxed social time, catered by The Garage Bar & Grill.

Sports, Skills & Self-Improvement

- **ECQ Self-Defence** – A friendly, accessible class teaching practical self-defence skills.
- **Carpet Bowls (Fridays)** – Gentle exercise combined with social connection; a consistently well-attended group.

Organisations that use the Centre free of charge

- Burnhope Parish Council
- Burnhope Partnership
- Burnhope Gala Centenary 1926-2026 Planning Group
- St Johns Church – Strawberry Supper, Seasonal Fayres, Pie and Peas Suppers and for Café church
- The View Children’s Home
- Burnhope Miners Banner Group
- MacMillan Cancer Support

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New Groups and Activities for 2024/25:

Messy Play – Messy Play sessions offer babies and toddlers a fun, sensory-rich environment where they can explore textures, colours, and creative materials in a safe and stimulating way. These sessions are fully supported by our Activity Coordinator, who ensures activities are developmentally appropriate, inclusive, and designed to boost children’s confidence and social skills. Parents and carers also benefit from a friendly, welcoming space where they can connect with others.

Life After Loss – Life After Loss provides a calm, compassionate drop-in space for anyone coping with bereavement and loss. Whether someone has experienced a recent loss or is still navigating long-term grief, the group offers understanding, peer support, and gentle conversation in a non-judgemental setting. Participants are welcome to attend regularly or simply drop in when they feel they need connection, kindness, or someone to talk to.

Family Supper Club (Dec 2024 – March 2025) – From December 2024 to March 2025, the Community Centre worked in partnership with St Johns Church to deliver a Supper Club every week. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, the sessions were exceptionally well attended, regularly attracting between 24 and 32 participants each week.

The warm, welcoming environment combined with nutritious meals, conversation, and practical support made a significant difference to many individuals during the winter months.

Warm Space – The popularity of the Wednesday Lunchtime Social for seniors, which formed part of this provision, has been especially striking. Demand has remained so strong that we have chosen to continue the lunch club using Community Centre funds, supported by our committed team of volunteers who help ensure older residents have access to hot food, friendship, and a regular social gathering.

Pantry - Our new Community Pantry has been a tremendous success, now supporting over 140 members from across Burnhope and the surrounding area. The pantry provides a dignified, affordable, and accessible way for families and individuals to access essential items, helping to reduce financial pressure while promoting wellbeing and independence.

Stocked with a wide range of items, including fresh and frozen produce from Fareshare, pantry staples, and hygiene products, it enables members to choose what they need in a respectful and supportive environment. By providing access to good-quality food and household essentials at a low cost, the pantry helps families stretch their budgets, reduces waste, and fosters a sense of community.

The pantry has quickly become a valued part of Burnhope Community Centre, offering not just practical support, but also an opportunity for connection, friendship, and mutual support among members. It demonstrates how small acts of support, delivered with care and respect, can have a meaningful impact on the lives of those who need it most.

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Household support fund:

Concerned by the growing number of Centre users and volunteers affected by the cost-of-living crisis, we began distributing support through the Household Support Fund last year. Information about the fund was shared widely across our groups, and through the local primary school and childminders to ensure those most in need were aware of the help available.

Although originally started at the beginning of 2024 we've been fortunate to receive further funding and have continued to deliver from April 2024-March 2025. The needs we encountered continue to be diverse and often severe. Many local households are affected by long-term sickness, physical or mental health challenges, bereavement, relationship breakdowns, and sudden changes in circumstances. A significant number of residents have no savings or financial safety net, leaving them extremely vulnerable when essential household items break down. Some reported being trapped in exploitative rental-purchase schemes for basic appliances, paying far more than the items were worth. Others requested help to replace old goods with energy-saving alternatives such as slow cookers and air fryers, which would reduce running costs long term. Many families struggled with unexpectedly high utility bills, while food vouchers remained one of the most requested forms of support.

We are now delivering the **fourth and final round** of the Household Support Fund. What has become increasingly clear is that the level of need continues to rise sharply. With the rising cost of fuel and ongoing financial pressures, we have seen a significant surge in demand, particularly for **food vouchers and fuel support**, which have become essential lifelines for many households.

More people than ever before are coming forward, and many of those who previously managed without assistance now find themselves unable to cope with routine expenses. This rising demand highlights the continued vulnerability within our community and the vital importance of continued support for struggling families and individuals.

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Events:

- **Trip to Hall Hill Farm** – Our trip to Hall Hill Farm was a wonderful success, with over **80 people** attending. We provided packed lunches, ensuring everyone could enjoy a picnic together. The day was full of laughter, fun, and shared experiences. The farm was fully accessible and warmly received by all attendees. Many families, who would not normally have been able to afford such an outing, were able to enjoy a memorable day out together, creating lasting memories and strengthening community connections.
- **Information Exchange Evenings** - This new initiative provides a valuable opportunity for the community to come together and engage with the Centre. Attendees hear directly from staff and trustees about current activities, upcoming plans, funding opportunities, successes, and our vision for the future. Equally important, these evenings give community members a platform to share their own ideas, successes, or concerns, helping shape the Centre’s future development. The sessions foster open communication, strengthen community ties, and ensure that the Centre continues to meet the needs and aspirations of those it serves.
- **Autumn and Christmas Fairs** - Our Autumn and Christmas Fairs were a huge success, drawing the community together for afternoons of fun, creativity, and festive cheer. Local businesses came out in force to support the Centre, helping us deliver engaging activities including raffles, craft stalls, and a pumpkin patch where families could pick their own pumpkins. Children especially loved the hot chocolate station, and a special visit from Santa added extra magic to the celebrations.
- **Bringing the Arts to Burnhope** – Our “Bringing the Arts to Burnhope” program, delivered by Highlights Theatre, offered an action-packed schedule of three outstanding events that delighted the whole community. Penguins – an alternative festive experience to the traditional pantomime, this interactive event featured a giant inflatable igloo that captivated children and families alike. The playful and immersive performance was a huge hit with all attendees. George Egg – celebrity chef George Egg cooked using unconventional equipment, providing a fun and entertaining evening for adults full of creativity, humor, and culinary surprises. Finally, The Lovely Assistant – This talented band, signed by the same label as Sam Fender, delivered an intimate acoustic performance, enchanting audiences with their beautifully crafted music. These events not only brought high quality arts and culture to Burnhope but also created shared experiences that strengthened community engagement and offered memorable entertainment for all ages.

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School Holiday Activities:

Burnhope Community Centre had an action-packed Summer in 2024, providing six weeks of exciting holiday activities that were enjoyed by children and families across the community. Thanks to support from local businesses, Tesco and fundraising during our Easter fair, all sessions were free of charge and included a delicious meal, generously prepared by our amazing volunteers and the team from St John's Church, who continue to support us with food preparation since February 2022. Every session featured a two-course meal and snacks, ensuring children were well fed and ready for fun.

This summer we ran twice-weekly Summer Club sessions, each based around a weekly theme such as "Emergency Services" or "Family Fun." Activities were creatively tailored to match the theme, giving children a wide variety of experiences.

Highlights included:

- **Water Day** with a water slide to cool off in the summer sun
- **A visit from the Fire Engine**, meeting the local heroes in person
- **Inflatables, obstacle courses, bubble shows, and scavenger hunts**
- **BBQ and disco**, giving families the chance to relax and dance together
- **Trips out**, including a fun day at the beach and a visit to Hall Hill Farm

Sporting activities were a big hit too. Children enjoyed a **cricket carousel day** with Burnhope Cricket Club, trying out cricket skills and games, alongside other active challenges. Seasonal favourites like Easter egg hunts, Halloween discos, and pumpkin picking also continued to delight children and families alike.

The success of the Summer Programme wouldn't have been possible without the tireless support of our volunteers, who helped run activities, supervise children, and support food preparation. Together, we created a safe, fun, and memorable summer for all, giving children the chance to learn, play, and explore in a welcoming, community-focused environment.

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Future Plans:

- **Wednesday Lunchtime Social** – We plan to continue our Wednesday lunchtime social sessions and will be seeking further funding to support this vital community service. These sessions play an important role for many of our centre users, providing companionship, reducing isolation, and helping people build meaningful friendships. For some attendees, this weekly gathering is one of their main opportunities for social interaction and support. By sustaining and developing the lunchtime social, we can continue offering a warm, welcoming space where people feel connected, valued, and part of the community.
- **Burnhope Pantry Expansion** – The Burnhope Pantry is currently housed in our meeting room, which restricts how we can operate and limits the experience for those who rely on it. We are seeking funding to expand the Pantry into its own dedicated building, positioned alongside the community centre. A separate purpose-built space would allow the Pantry to remain fully set up, creating a more welcoming and dignified “shop-style” environment. The new layout would include permanent shelving, dedicated fridges and freezers, and a small food preparation area. This will significantly improve organisation, increase storage capacity, and allow us to offer a wider range of fresh, chilled, and frozen items. A dedicated entrance and clear layout will make access simpler and more straightforward for residents, helping to reduce stigma and ensuring people can receive support with comfort and confidence. This expansion will strengthen our ability to respond to the ongoing cost-of-living pressures and meet the growing needs of our community.
- **Sensory Stations** – We plan to introduce mobile sensory stations that can be used across all of our events, as well as during Kids Club and our toddler sessions. These stations will be designed on a movable trolley, allowing them to be easily transported and set up anywhere within the centre. Each trolley will contain a range of sensory resources such as weighted blankets, ear defenders, fidget toys, and other calming or stimulating sensory items. These additions will help us create a more supportive and inclusive environment for children and families who may experience sensory sensitivities, anxiety, or additional needs. By providing accessible sensory tools at every session, we aim to remove barriers to participation, ensure all children feel welcome and comfortable, and enhance the overall quality of our activities. This initiative will help us deliver events that are genuinely inclusive and responsive to the diverse needs of our community.
- **Panto** – We’re planning to host a community pantomime at the centre to provide families with an affordable, high-quality festive experience. Many households in the village are unable to afford traditional pantomime trips, especially during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. To address this, we aim to bring a travelling pantomime company to the centre and subsidise ticket prices so that the event is accessible to everyone, regardless of financial circumstances. Alongside the performance, we hope to offer low-cost snacks and refreshments to keep the experience enjoyable without placing additional financial strain on families. Our goal is to create a memorable, inclusive family event that brings the community together, spreads joy and ensures that all children can enjoy the magic of a pantomime close to home.

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Partnerships:

- Burnhope Partnership – Burnhope Community Centre continues to work closely with Burnhope Partnership by offering bid writing support and working closely with the Partnership members.
- Lanchester Partnership – Warm Space
- Churches Together and St. John's Church
- The Garage Bar and Grille – providing our lunch club meals.
- Inclusive Connections Durham
- Burnhope Primary School

Our approach to room-hire:

In June 2022 the Trustees agreed that the Community Centre will no longer charge room hire to groups that are operating under the governance of the Community Centre and are part of our service provision. This new way of working was well received by the groups that use the Centre and for some groups they lowered the group subs which helps local people during the cost-of-living crisis. It also means that groups can raise funds for trips, equipment and seasonal get togethers. This has proved very popular with groups using the Centre.

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Trustees:

Our current trustees are:

- Alan Gibson BEM, Trustee – appointed 27 January 2016
- Heather Galloway, Trustee – appointed 11 November 2020
- Ian Galloway, Treasurer – appointed 28 April 2022
- Helen Prow, Trustee – appointed 28 April 2022
- Lisa Bryson: Burnhope Primary School, ex officio Trustee – appointed 10 August 2022
- Marc Cliff, Trustee – appointed 22 November 2023
- Douglas Oliver, Trustee – appointed 4 June 2025

We haven't appointed a new Chair but appoint a different one of our Trustees as Chair for each Trustee meeting, which is working extremely well. We undertook a skills audit as a group of trustees which showed we had a balance of abilities. We are looking out for one or two new trustees to supplement our current board

Staff and HR:

In March 2025 our staff consisted of:

- Centre Coordinator
- Wellbeing Coordinator
- Centre Assistant
- Cleaner
- Activities Coordinator
- Youth Worker

Since our last report, we have appointed a new Centre manager with extensive experience working with charities. Sara Kitchener joined the centre in May 2024. Sara has made a remarkable impact on Burnhope Community Centre. She has brought fresh energy and direction the Centre, transforming it into a more vibrant and inclusive hub for residents. Her hands-on approach and commitment to listening to community needs have led to new activities, improved services, and stronger partnerships with local organisations and various charities. Under her leadership, the centre has become a welcoming space for all ages, offering everything from social groups and wellbeing sessions to practical support for families. Her positive influence is evident in the growing number of visitors, the renewed sense of community spirit, and the pride local people feel in having a centre that truly reflects their needs and aspirations.

In October 2024 Cathryn Parton joined our team as the new Activities Co-Ordinator. She has brought a fresh wave of enthusiasm and creativity to the heart of the village. Since joining the team, she has developed a range of engaging programmes tailored to children and families, helping to make the centre a welcoming hub for all ages. Her ability to connect with young people, support parents, and design meaningful activities has encouraged more families to get involved and strengthened community bonds. With her warm approach and commitment to providing inclusive, fun opportunities, she is already making a lasting, positive impact in Burnhope Community Centre.

Treasurer Report

Income:

Grant-funding for our projects remained strong and is our main source of income (£134,424), growing in total by 34% from the previous year.

A significant proportion of this funding was from the **Co Durham Community Foundation Household support fund** which enabled us to make a massive difference to hundreds of people in the community struggling with the cost of living crisis. We received and distributed two grants (1: £33,200, 2: £33,000) as well as a small additional grant that was approved for a specific need not covered in the terms of the Household Support Fund but recognised as a genuine need (£780). We also repaid the unspent portion of the 2023-24 grant (£3,381). A small proportion of these grants were to help cover the very extensive staff time costs and centre overhead (1: £2,200, 2: £1,980). Whilst these grants have been incredibly helpful for our community, our experience was that this did not cover the very large amount of volunteer and staff time that is required to wisely administer these grants for the community.

Looking at our grant income, apart from the Household Support Fund that we received to give to the community, our fundraising for projects and core costs remained strong (£75,005). This includes the proportion of the Household Support Fund for core costs and admin (£4,180). In total this is a modest 2% increase from the previous year.

We were hugely grateful to the **National Lottery Community Fund** for our Health and Abundance grant (£24,359). The Health and Abundance Project aims to improve wellbeing, confidence, and life opportunities for local residents by providing accessible activities focused on physical health, mental wellbeing, employability, and creative expression. Through workshops, support sessions, and community-led events, the project will help people build skills, reduce isolation, and create a stronger, more connected community.

A generous grant from **Reaching Communities** from the **Platten Family Fund** (£9,713) supported our mental health and wellbeing work, helping to fund our Wellbeing Coordinator and many of our wellbeing activities. **Durham Community Action** supported our Smoking Cessation Project (£5,329).

County Durham Community Foundation Warm Spaces grant (£6,000) and a **Durham County Council** grant (£1,165) enabled us to expand our provision for families suffering from fuel and food poverty through our Family Supper Club and Wednesday lunchtime social. The **Asda Foundation** (£400) helped us to buy a new commercial grade dishwasher.

Grants from the **Barbour Foundation** (£1,000), **Langley Wind Farm** (£2,000), **Fun and Food** (£731) and **Tesco Groundwork Foundation** (£1,125) enabled us to buy new equipment for our Bairns Toddler group and our Kids Club and helped fund our hugely creative school holiday activities in both Easter and Summer holidays.

The **Sir James Knott Trust** (£9,000), the **Tyne and Wear Community Foundation** (£4,995), and **Langley Wind Farm** (£552) all made a wonderful contribution to our core costs and helped us to employ our Centre Coordinator, Centre Assistant, Activities Coordinator and Cleaner. We also were able to allocate some to our office and admin costs like broadband and telephone, and to our highly successful monthly lunch club that serves over 40 hot meals to older residents.

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Our two local **County Councillors** (£2,134) and the **AAP Neighbourhood Fund** (£2,322) gave us funding for some new lightweight tables, which have been a great help to our groups and staff. Because of the number and variety of activities held in the Centre setting and re-setting the room is something that is happening constantly through the day.

For everyone who supported us, we are incredibly grateful.

Our other income is from Room Hire (£1,929), donations from some of our activities including the Pantry (£18,856), bank interest (£685), Feed-in Tariff (£210), refund of electricity bill (£6,507) and some other income, mostly unsolicited donations (£1,280).

Expenditure:

Our main expenditure is on staffing (£65,167). During the year we continued to employ our Centre Coordinator, Cleaner, Centre Assistant, Activities Coordinator and Wellbeing Coordinator, all of whom worked extremely hard.

Costs of running the Centre were well controlled (£27,253). This includes phone and broadband (£499), office, admin and finance (£1,755), maintenance (£2,425), insurance (£2,967), utilities and licences (£4,592), equipment purchases (£10,923), bins, sanitary and cleaning (£1,223).

We catered extensively for groups through the week with hot meals and snacks (£2,868)

As set out above, we gave away a large number of small grants from the household fund to support those struggling with the cost of living crisis (£69,586).

We have many activities and projects running through the week that we funded (£19,336). These include our Pantry (£3,340), all our exercise and health activities (£6,160), wellbeing (£1,061), toddlers, kids and youth (£3,382), lunch club (£3,621) as well as many other events and activities.

Year End:

Our total income for the year was £163,891 and our expenditure £181,900.

We ended the year with three months expenditure designated as reserves, as recommended by the Charity Commission (£19,000), some Unrestricted funds (£14,032), and Restricted funds, given by our funders for specific projects and activities that are continuing into the next financial year (£20,191). Our balance at the end of the year was therefore £53,223. Whilst healthy from a cash-flow perspective this only covers our costs into next year for a limited period and our fund raising will need to continue strongly for us to be successful.

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Accounts from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025:

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name	No (if any)	CC16a
		Burnhope Community Centre	1162463	
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Of Rooms	1929	0		1929	1570
Activities	18856	0		18856	11845
Grants	0	134424		134424	100165
CJRS	0				
Other	7787			7787	1142
Donations	0				
	0				
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28572	134424	0	162996	114722
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Feed-in tariff	210	0	0	210	0
Bank interest	685	0	0	685	611
Sub total	895	0	0	895	611
Total receipts	29467	134424	0	163891	115333
A3 Payments					
Water	0	1344		1344	724
Electricity	0	2698		2698	2949
Insurance	0	2967		2967	1947
Licences	0	550		550	179
Catering	351	2517		2868	3696
Activities	14438	74485		88923	29216
Equipment	1252	9671		10923	5451
Furniture and display	0	0		0	1765
Building Maintenance	0	3266		3266	1588
Office and Admin.	0	2254		2254	5164
Bins and sanitary	0	382		382	299
Salaries	3167	62000		65167	55128
Other	558			558	32
Sub total	19766	162134	0	181900	108138
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	19766	162134	0	181900	108139
Net of receipts/(payments)	9701	-27710	0	-18009	7195
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	23331	47901	0	64037	64037
Cash funds this year end	33032	20191	0	53223	71232

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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	2,146	-	-
	Current account	9,744	-	-
	Deposit Accounts	21,142	20,191	-
	Total cash funds	33,032	20,191	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN GALLOWAY	7/12/25
	HELEN PROW	14-1-25

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02/12/2025

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Independent Examiner's Report

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Burnhope Community Centre (Charity no 1162463)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 13 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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Burnhope Community Centre

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Charity Incorporated Organisation Registration No: 1162463

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Centre report: April 2023 – March 2024

Our Groups and Activities:

- **Community Gym** – open at various times through the week
- **Yoga for those with chronic pain conditions** – this is a gentle stretching and yoga session followed by workshops and alternative therapies beneficial for those with chronic pain. Attendance has been about 8-10 regulars with many other occasional attendees.
- **Monday Club** – Activities include bingo, quiz, raffle, chat, and a cuppa.
- **Burnhope Bairns** – Tuesdays and Fridays during term time for babies, toddlers and preschools and their families.
- **Wellbeing Café** – on Tuesday 12.30pm. Offers refreshments and snacks with activities designed to enhance creativity and help people to understand how to manage mental health issues
- **Zumba**– every Monday evening. Exercise class for all ages
- **Pilates** – every Tuesday for all levels and all ages.
- **Keep Moving** exercise class aims to get people to start exercising and improve their quality of life.
- **Mindfulness**– on a Thursday evening. This is led by one of our mental health trained volunteers and offers mindfulness routines to help with anxiety, sleep problems and anyone who would like to learn a positive way of mental relaxation
- **Charity Table Top sale** – run by local volunteers who raise money to give to local project including Burnhope Primary School and the Community Centre.
- **Kids Klub** – We now have two kids' clubs running on a Wednesday and Thursday. Pick up from school and offers a range of games and crafts with a healthy snack as they arrive and hot food at the end.

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- **Carpet Bowls** – on every Wednesday and Friday, useful exercise, and a chance to meet friends. The group is supported very well on the Friday afternoon, but numbers have dwindled on a Wednesday evening
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- **Seated Chair Exercises** – gentle exercise for the older person.
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- **Café Church** – run every month by St John’s Church. A chance for the whole family to think about spiritual things in a relaxed space.
- **Lunch Club** – a lovely hot meal and chance to relax with friends, run monthly with catering from The Garage Bar and Grill.
- **Sewing Bee** – the group meet monthly for the day on a Saturday
- **The Heritage project**- have a permanent display trolley in the foyer to supplement the display boards in the corridor and main hall
- **Supper Club** working in partnership with Burnhope Primary School and St. John’s Church – family cooking. Starting again on 22 June 2023. Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:30pm.
- **Spanish Club** restarted run by Philip Richardson as a volunteer. This is going well with 10+ attending weekly.

Organisations that use the Centre free of charge:

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- Burnhope Partnership
- Stanley Learning Partnership – School Science Networks,
- St Johns Church – Strawberry Supper, Seasonal Fayres, Pie and Peas Suppers and for Café church

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New Groups and Activities for 2023/24:

- **Meditation group, wellbeing café and Monday Yoga and ME group.** These are all supported by our wellbeing coordinator
- **Warm Space/supper club** – Dec 2023 to March 2024 working in partnership with Churches Together and Lanchester Partnership we delivered two Warm Space sessions each week. The hard work of the volunteers was borne out in the number of people attending which were around 24 – 32 participants each week. The lunch time social for seniors has proved to be so popular that we have continued it with Community Centre funds and it is supported by a large number of volunteers

Household support fund:

Concerned by the increasing numbers of Centre-users and volunteers hit by the cost-of-living crisis we started distributing funds through the household support fund. We advertise this in our groups, through the local primary school and our local childminder. We received the funds in February 2024 and over eight weeks were able to support 52 families who were interviewed confidentially. Our community has many needs such as sickness and health issues, mental health problems, and changes in circumstances such as family bereavement or relationship breakdown. Many in our community have no savings and no safety net when essential items break down, some are exploited, paying large monthly amounts for rented fridges and ovens. Some were requesting newer energy-saving appliances such as slow cookers and air fryers. Some were supported with higher-than-expected utility bills and food vouchers.

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Events:

- **Trip to South Shields**

In consultation with the community we discovered that historically there had been a bus trip from the village to South Shields which went from the Ivy League club. We laid on 2 coaches and took 70 people to the seaside on Friday 4th August.

- **Volunteer Christmas Party**

Held in December 2023 we celebrated our volunteers with an evening celebration. We awarded our volunteer of the year to Cindy Brockingham who supports so many of our activities.

- **Easter and Christmas Fairs**

Both were well supported supporting local businesses and raising money for the church and the Community Centre

- **Burnhope Partnership Summer Fayre**

Held at Burnhope Cricket Club on the August Bank Holiday Monday. We provided bouncy castles and tombola prizes and our staff manned the kids zone for the day.

School Holiday Activities:

Burnhope Community Centre provided a range of school holiday activities which were well attended. Thanks to Mid Durham Area Action Partnership's Fun and Food funding we have been able to offer activities free of charge and all include a meal. Thanks also go to St John's church who volunteer in the kitchen to provide the food, a partnership which began in February 2022 and still continues strongly.

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Future Plans:

- **Wednesday Lunchtime Social** – due to the success of the Wednesday Warm Space we will continue to provide this group in the new financial year.
- Continue to develop the **Wellbeing Hub** as part of the Community Centre's core activities.
- **Burnhope Pantry** – Plans to look at sourcing and distributing food which would otherwise end up in landfill
- **Ageing well project** – we still have to complete this project including **Outdoor furniture** we plan to purchase outdoor seating, a picnic bench and a planter for the enclosed garden area and a bench for outside the main door.
- **Catering dishwasher** – with the increase in food offers at the Centre the dishwasher is a difficulty as the cycle takes too long and there are issues with filling and emptying it. We will purchase a catering dishwasher with a very short cycle so that volunteers can put the clean dishes away before they go home

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Trustees:

Our current trustees are:

- Oswald Johnson, Trustee – appointed 26 January 2016
- Alan Gibson BEM, Trustee – appointed 27 January 2016
- Heather Galloway, Trustee – appointed 11 November 2020
- Ian Galloway, Treasurer – appointed 28 April 2022
- Helen Prow, Trustee – appointed 28 April 2022
- Lisa Bryson : Burnhope Primary School, ex officio Trustee – appointed 10 August 2022

We haven't appointed a new Chair but appoint a different one of our Trustees as Chair for each Trustee meeting, which is working extremely well. We undertook a skills audit as a group of trustees which showed we had a balance of abilities. We are looking out for one or two new trustees to supplement our current board

Staff and HR

In March 2024 our staff consisted of

- Centre coordinator (post currently vacant)
- Wellbeing coordinator
- Centre Assistant
- Cleaner
- Activities coordinator
- Administration assistant

Our biggest priority is the recruitment of a new Centre Manager, and this process is in motion. We currently have 31 applications for the post. Short listing is under way and an interview panel of 2 trustees, on staff member and one volunteer will interview up to 4 short listed candidates next month.

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Treasurer Report

Income:

Grant-funding for our projects remained strong and is our main source of income (£100,165), growing by 30% from the previous year.

We were hugely grateful for grants given from the **National Lottery Community Fund** for our Ageing Well project (£20,866) which supported our activities that enable older people, who can be prone to isolation, to exercise, socialise, and engage confidently with the community. A consultation group was gathered who planned and agreed some strategic equipment purchases specifically designed to help older people. The **Dickson Trust** (£2,903) enable us to develop a weekly Wednesday lunchtime social for over fifties which includes a hot meal.

Grants from the **Barbour Foundation** (£2,000), the **Greatham Hospital Trust** (£1,000), **Durham Community Social Prescribing Fund** (£2,988), and **CDCF Welcome Spaces fund** (£2,991) enabled us to continue to expand our wellbeing work that supports so many people coping with long term health and mental health challenges.

The **Sir James Knott Trust** (£9,000) along with the **Willan Trust** (£10,000) are both wonderful contributions to our core costs and helped us to employ our Centre Coordinator, Centre Assistant, Activities Coordinator and Cleaner. We also were able to allocate some to our office and admin costs like broadband and telephone, and to our highly successful lunch club that serves over 40 hot meals every month.

The **Co Durham Community Foundation** Household support fund grant (£26,500) enabled us to make a massive difference to over 100 people in the community struggling with the cost of living crisis.

Karbon Homes (£1,458), **Ballinger Trust** (£1,000), working in partnership with our local **Action Area Partnership, AAP** (£6,106) meant that we could continue to expand our activities for children and young people, employ our Activities Coordinator and also serve nutritious food at each club. We also received generous grants from **Durham Council** for our Holiday Activities (£2,003).

Poverty Hurts (£9,978) together with the **Lanchester Partnership** (£850) enabled us to continue to be open as a warm space and offer hot food regularly through the week. We also purchased 4 laptop computers to overcome IT exclusion.

For everyone who supported us, we are incredibly grateful.

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Our other income is from Room Hire (£1,570), contributions from some of our activities (£11,845), bank interest (£611), and some other income, mostly unsolicited donations (£1,142).

Expenditure:

Our main expenditure is on staffing (£55,128). During the year we continued to employ our Centre Coordinator, Cleaner, Centre Assistant, Activities Coordinator and Wellbeing Coordinator, all of whom worked extremely hard.

Costs of running the Centre were well controlled (£23,795). This includes maintenance (£1,588), the completion of our new Heritage display boards (£1,766), insurance (£1,948), utilities and licences (£3,852), equipment purchases (£5,451), office and admin (£5,164), and bins and sanitary (£299). As set out above, we gave away a large number of small grants from the household fund to support those struggling with the cost of living crisis (£12,772), we catered extensively for groups through the week (£3,695) and have many activities and projects running through the week that we funded (£16,444).

We ended the year with three months expenditure designated as reserves, as recommended by the Charity Commission (£19,000), some Unrestricted funds (£4,331), and Restricted funds, given by our funders for specific projects and activities that are continuing into the next financial year (£47,901). Our balance at the end of the year was therefore £71,231. Whilst healthy from a cash-flow perspective, but only covers our costs into next year for a limited period and our fund raising will need to continue to be successful.

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Accounts from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024:



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Burnhope Community Centre

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Of Rooms	1570			1570	2530
Activities	11845			11845	9890
Grants	0	100165		100165	77427
CJRS	0				0
Other	1142			1142	157
Donations	0				0
	0				0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14557	100165	0	114722	90004
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Feed-in tariff	0	0	0	0	96
Bank interest	611	0	0	611	114
Sub total	611	0	0	611	210
Total receipts	15168	100165	0	115333	90214
A3 Payments					
Water	0	724		724	640
Electricity	0	2949		2949	2102
Insurance	0	1948		1948	1988
Licences	0	179		179	524
Catering	0	3695		3696	706
Activities	9723	19493		29216	14143
Equipment	144	5307		5451	2979
Furniture and display	88	1678		1766	1020
Building Maintenance	0	1588		1588	1787
Office and Admin.	763	4401		5164	1358
Bins and sanitary	0	299		299	335
Salaries	1583	53545		55128	38051
Other	33			33	949
Sub total	12334	95805	0	108139	66582
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total payments	12334	95805	0	108139	66582
Net of receipts/(payments)	2834	4360	0	7194	23632
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	20496	43541	0	64037	40405
Cash funds this year end	23331	47901	0	71231	64037

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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	990	-	-
	Current account	3,694	-	-
	Deposit Accounts	18,648	47,901	-
	Total cash funds	23,331	47,901	-

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

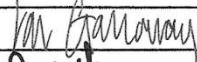

B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Ian Galloway	23/01/2025
		Alan Gibson	25/01/2025

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Burnhope Community Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Burnhope Community Centre (Charity no 1162463)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

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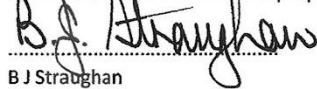
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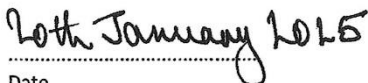
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New Groups and Activities for 2022/23:

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- **TakeTime Meditation** – this ran for several months but has been paused while we recruit a new person to run the sessions.
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- **Zumba** – this was requested by local people in our 2022 consultation and after taking time to find an instructor we were pleased to start this group in February 2022, and it has proved to be a big hit with residents.

Launch of our Wellbeing Hub:

In July 2022 we carried out a community consultation to find out what mental health support activities local people would like. 114 local people completed the survey which enabled us to receive an NHS Health Improvement grant of almost £20k to set up our Wellbeing Hub.

Working partnership with Our Minds Work, we delivered Wellbeing Advocate training to six volunteers. The Wellbeing Hub was launched on 2 February 2023 with over 60 people in attendance including Amanda Healey, Director of Public Health, members of Burnhope Partnership and Parish Council and health professionals from statutory and voluntary sector organisations.

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- 19 April 2022 - Drama Day
- 20 April 2022 - Easter Task Master fun and games
- 21 April 2022 - Easter Egg Hunt Day
- 17 August 2022 - Bowes Museum Trip funded by Fun and Food - 40 people in attendance
- 25 October 2022 - Halloween Drama Day
- 27 October 2022 - Autumn Nature Day
- 22 February 2023 - Friendship Fun
- 23 February 2023 - Let's Play (sports and games)

Future Plans:

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- **Karbon Homes Holiday Squad** will be running at Burnhope Community Centre from Easter 2023 - new look forward to working with them on this project.
- **Sewing Bee** - this new group which will be running monthly on a Saturday starting April 2023.
- **Heritage Project** - continue to develop this very successful project with a view to putting up displays in the building showing the village's heritage.
- Continue to develop the **Wellbeing Hub** as part of the Community Centre's core activities.

Special Events and Activities:

- Sunday 3 April 2022 - Easter Fair - raised £428.
- Friday 13 May and Friday 27 May 2022 - First Aid taster course for Burnhope Bairns parents and carers.
- Thursday 2 June 2022 - Jubilee Picnic with around 150 in attendance.
- Saturday 17 September 2022 - 60s and 70s night.
- MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 29 September 2022 - raised £362.
- Christmas Fair - Sunday 27 November 2022 - raised £677.

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Burnhope Primary School – ex officio Trustee:

In July 2022 Burnhope Community Centre agreed to cement their excellent relationship with Burnhope Primary School by changing the constitution to allow the school to be an ex officio trustee. Lisa Bryson, who represents Burnhope Primary School on the Trustee Group has been an integral part of the Community Centre's strategic management.

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Trustees:

Some of our wonderful and long serving trustees retired this year, after putting in countless hours of incredible service to see the Centre built and established. But we have recruited well and have a wealth of experience on our trustee board.

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- Emily Pearson, Trustee – appointed 8 June 2022
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- John Brockington, Trustee – retired 6 May 2022
- Janet Box, Trustee – retired 7 November 2022
- Carol Barron, Trustee – retired 7 November 2022
- Derek Coates, Chair – retired 12 February 2022
- Gordon Smith, Trustee – retired 12 February 2022

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Treasurer Report

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Our other income is from Room Hire (£2,530), contributions for some of our activities (£9,890), feed-in tariff (£96), bank interest (£114), and some miscellaneous items (£157).

Our main expenditure is on staffing (£38,051). During the year we continued to employ our Centre Coordinator, Cleaner, and Centre Assistant, and we took on our Activities Coordinator and Wellbeing Advocate.

Costs of running the Centre were well controlled (£14,352). As set out above, we have many activities and projects running through the week that we funded (£14,143)

We ended the year with three months expenditure designated as reserves, as recommended by the Charity Commission (£19,000), some Unrestricted funds (£1,496), and Restricted funds, given by our funders for specific projects and activities that are continuing into the next financial year (£43,541). Our balance at the end of the year was therefore £60,037. This is healthy from a cash-flow perspective, but only covers our costs into next year for a limited period and our fund raising will need to continue to be successful.

In the Community, for the Community.

Accounts from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023:



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Burnhope Community Centre

No (if any)
1162463

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2022		31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Of Rooms	2,530	-	-	2,530	5,958
Activities	9,890	-	-	9,890	6,181
Grants	1,425	76,002	-	77,427	38,522
CJRS	-	-	-	-	2,711
Other	157	-	-	157	183
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,002	76,002	-	90,004	53,555
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Feed-in tariff	96	-	-	96	93
Bank interest	114	-	-	114	5
Sub total	210	-	-	210	98
Total receipts	14,212	76,002	-	90,214	53,653
A3 Payments					
Water	198	442	-	640	870
Electricity	1,155	947	-	2,102	2,365
Insurance	616	1,372	-	1,988	1,825
Licences	162	362	-	524	374
Catering	-	706	-	706	-
Activities	5,687	8,456	-	14,143	14,353
Equipment	1	2,978	-	2,979	2,869
Furniture and display	-	1,020	-	1,020	-
Building Maintenance	320	1,467	-	1,787	11,780
Office and Admin.	583	775	-	1,358	2,271
Bins and sanitary	335	-	-	335	-
Salaries	5,745	32,306	-	38,051	28,754
Other	319	630	-	949	480
Sub total	15,121	51,461	-	66,582	65,941
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,121	51,461	-	66,582	65,941
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 909	24,541	-	23,632	- 12,288
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,405	19,000	-	40,405	52,693
Cash funds this year end	20,496	43,541	-	64,037	40,405

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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	946	-	-
	Current account	9,996	-	-
	Deposit Accounts	9,554	43,541	-
	Total cash funds	20,496	43,541	-

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

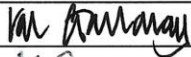

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN GALLOWAY	29.1.2024
	Helen Prow	29.1.2024

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In the Community, for the Community.

Burnhope Community Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Burnhope Community Centre (Charity no 1162463)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);

follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and

state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

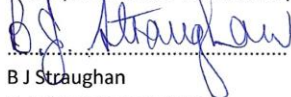
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the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (accounts and reports) Regulation 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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Chartered Accountants



Date

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BURNHOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162463

Accounts

Burnhope Community Centre

Charity Number 1162463

Receipts and payments accounts

For the Year ended 31st March 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Burnhope Community Centre

No (if any)

1162463

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire Of Rooms	5,958	-	-	5,958	1,826
Activities	4,681	1,500	-	6,181	305
Grants	13,727	24,795	-	38,522	48,190
CJRS	-	2,711	-	2,711	3,891
Other	183	-	-	183	4,542
Donations	-	-	-	-	101
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	24,549	29,006	-	53,555	58,855
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Feed-in tariff	93	-	-	93	94
Bank interest	5	-	-	5	7
Sub total	98	-	-	98	101
Total receipts	24,647	29,006	-	53,653	58,956
A3 Payments					
Water	-	870	-	870	1,017
Electricity	-	2,365	-	2,365	2,995
Insurance	-	1,825	-	1,825	1,924
Licences	-	374	-	374	201
Catering	-	-	-	-	6
Activities	3,486	10,867	-	14,353	-
Equipment	-	2,869	-	2,869	3,015
Building Maintenance	-	11,780	-	11,780	1,581
Office and Admin.	-	2,271	-	2,271	364
Covid support grants made	-	-	-	-	5,300
Salaries	-	28,754	-	28,754	9,415
Other	-	480	-	480	1
Sub total	3,486	62,455	-	65,941	25,819
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,486	62,455	-	65,941	25,819
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,161	- 33,449	-	- 12,288	33,137
A5 Transfers between funds	- 29,801	29,801	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,065	22,628	-	52,693	19,556
Cash funds this year end	21,425	18,980	-	40,405	52,693

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	128	-	-
	Current account	12,898	-	-
	Deposit Accounts	8,399	18,980	-
	Total cash funds	21,425	18,980	-

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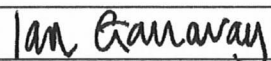

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN GALLOWAY	
	HELEN PROW	4/03/2023

Burnhope Community Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Burnhope Community Centre (Charity no 1162463)

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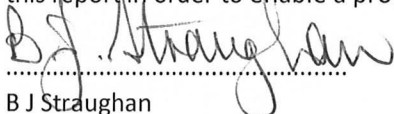
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I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



B J Straughan
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Chartered Accountants

16th March 2023

Date

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Annual Report April 2021 – March 2022

Chairs Review of the Year

This year started with the country coming out of Lockdown 2.0 and groups started to open again once government guidelines allowed. The first was the Youth Drop in which started back in April 2022, then the Coffee Morning started a month later. By the Summer of 2021 all of our groups were back up and running.

During the year we welcomed a lot of new groups to the centre. These groups were Keep Moving exercise class, Seated Chair exercises, Burnhope Bairns babies and toddler group, Crafting Companions, Carpet Bowls, Positive Futures Kids Klub for primary school children.

In July 2021 Janet Box took a well-earned step back as treasurer, though we are delighted that she will still be a trustee. Janet was instrumental in the new build centre from idea to finished building. Her tenacity knows no bounds – thank you Janet for all that you did!

Our Lunch Club started up again in September 2021 where around 40 people attend each month for a hot two course meal for £3.

In September and October 2021, we had a new built-in cupboard installed in the hall so that groups had somewhere to store their equipment. Thank you to David Brockington who took the lead on this and investing a huge amount of his time! They look amazing.

With the help of funding from Mid Durham AAP and the Fun and Food scheme we have run school holidays activities for local children and their families. Feedback from families was great and they particularly enjoyed the enriching activities and hot food on their doorstep.

We welcomed more volunteers as we expanded our range of activities, especially groups for babies and children. We also welcomed Heather Galloway and David Brockington as new trustees. We were grateful that Cindy Brockington also served as a trustee for some of the year.

We would like to thank everyone for their support this year, including our funders, without which we could never have expanded our activities and groups.

Derek Coates
Chair

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Our Trustees

Derek Coates – chairperson
Janet Box – trustee for 2021/22 and treasurer until June 2021
David Brockington – trustee 2021/22 and treasurer from June 2021
Carol Barron – trustee
Oswald Johnson – trustee
Alan Gibson – trustee
Gordon Smith – trustee
Heather Galloway – trustee

Treasurer Report

Grant-funding for our projects remained strong and is our main source of income. We were grateful for grants given from Durham County Council Restart Fund (£10,727), Holiday Activities Fund (£2,300), Covid recovery (£3,450), Sir James Knott Trust (£3,768), Karbon Homes (£2,947), Langley Wind Farm (£1,947), and the Area Action Partnership (£7,500). We also received generous grants for our Banner Project (£2,850). We were supported in taking on our Centre Assistant as an Apprentice (£3,032) and received funds from the Job Retention Scheme for our Coordinator (£2,711).

Our other income is from Room Hire (£5,958), subscriptions or payments for some of our activities (£6,181), feed-in tariff (£93), bank interest (£5), and some miscellaneous items (£183).

Our main expenditure is on staffing (£28,754). During the year we continued to employ our Centre Coordinator and started our Cleaner, Centre Assistant, and a Community Connector.

We installed our new built in storage, (£9,592) the lack of which had been a significant obstacle to expanding our work. And we completed the installation of the Miners' Banner (£2,301). Costs of running the Centre were well controlled (£10,461).

Our activities restarted after Lockdown and several new projects and activities were commenced (£14,351).

We ended the year with three months expenditure designated as reserves, as recommended by the Charity Commission (£19,000), some Unrestricted funds (£2,425), and Restricted funds, given by our funders for specific projects and activities that are continuing into the next financial year (£18,980). Our balance at the end of the year was therefore £40,405. This is healthy from a cash-flow perspective, but only covers our costs into next year for a limited period and our fund raising will need to continue to be successful.

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Headline Figures

Since May 2021 when we opened properly after Lockdowns 1.0 and 2.0, we have had record numbers of local people use the centre:

- 160 new adults using the centre either on a one-off basis or regularly for a group or the gym
- 50 existing adults continue to attend activities and groups
- 80 babies and toddlers and 48 parents / carers at Burnhope Bairns and Friday Bairns
- 6 lunch clubs held with around 40 people of all ages attending each one
- 50 children and young people at our Kids Klub and Youth Drop In
- Kids Halloween Party where 130 children, young people and their families attended – a new record for our Community Centre which was opened in 2018
- 32 new volunteers who do a range of roles including trustees of the centre, reception cover, helping run the groups, and organising events. Training for volunteers include emergency first aid, safeguarding children and young people, food safety and paediatric first aid

Burnhope Community Centre Groups

Established Groups and Activities:

- Monday Club – for local people to get out of the house and meet new people.
- Coffee Morning
- Pilates
- Community Gym
- Saturday Night Entertainment – bingo
- Youth Drop-in working in partnership with Derwentside Detached Youth Project
- Heritage Project

New Groups and Activities in 2021/22

Since the centre reopened properly in May 2021 following lockdown 2.0, we have set up new groups based upon community need:

- Burnhope Bairns – our toddler group running on Tuesdays and Fridays during term time
- Kids Klub for primary age school children
- Lunch Club
- Seated Chair Exercises
- Keep Moving exercise class
- Crafting Companions
- Carpet Bowls
- Walking Group
- Little Treasures - sensory play sessions for children with autism and their families
- School holiday programme for children and their families

Community Events

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We have also organised a range of community social events, including:

- Christmas and Easter Fair
- Valentines Night
- Pie and Peas supper
- School holiday activities including a Teddy Bears Picnic, Burnhope Payout and Halloween activities

Funding and Development Plan

In February 2022 we carried out a large-scale community consultation which has enabled us to write and implement our Funding and Development Plan. We have submitted our outline application to the national lottery for significant funding to enable us to fund our core staff team going forwards.

The priorities outlined in our Funding and Development Plan for 2022/23 are:

1. For children, young people and families to have a better start in life
2. For older residents to feel less isolated and have better access to services and groups
3. To improve mental health
4. To improve physical health
5. To provide activities and groups to adults aged 18+
6. To improve access to employment, education and training
7. To provide opportunities for social inclusion and socialising to increase self-esteem and self-confidence

2022/23 Priorities

- Set up more groups for children and young people
- Organise more community events now that social distancing and covid-19 rules have been relaxed
- Focus on Mental Health which came out as a massive priority in our February 2022 consultation, more research is needed to establish exactly what services and activities the community would like
- Continue to build our volunteer base by providing new and existing volunteers with new volunteering opportunities and by providing training
- Fundraise for staffing, core and project costs

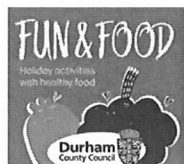
Public Benefit

- We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, Structure, Governance and Management.

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BURNHOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1162463

Accounts



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Annual Report

**April 2020 to
March 2021**

Chairs Report

After formally opening in September 2018, the year to March 2020 saw Burnhope Community Centre starting to take off. More local people were involved, more groups were opening and lots of events for the community were planned. Then in March 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic struck. The year will be remembered for the Covid-19 restrictions, with lock downs to the 23rd June and again from 4 November 2020 – 17 April 2021.

We sadly had to cancel some events and were not able to organise other events that are becoming part of our annual calendar. These include the Easter Fair which was due to be held on Sunday 5 April, the Summer and Christmas Fairs.

The Centre provided Covid secure procedures and opened for 10 weeks from the last week in August for about 8 hours per week (compared to 17 hours for 2021), with the Gym taking £30 per week.

The mantle of providing services to improve the Health and Wellbeing to the Burnhope Community was passed over to the Coronabusters Support Group. The strength of this group speaks volumes about the public spirited nature of the Burnhope Community. The Centre provided space to store and distribute food parcels.

Funding for our Centre Coordinator was secured in August 2020 and Sarah Grey was employed on the 15 September 2020. After just six weeks Sarah was put on the Government's furlough scheme, working from home for 5 hours a week.

The Government's response to the Pandemic in the form of grants has transformed the Centre's finances enabling the Centre to provide a wider range of services from April 2021.

Despite the restrictions the Centre successfully raised a number of grants under Sarah's guidance, £2,000 from the Barbour Foundation for general expenses (November 2020), £400 from AAP for a defibrillator (December 2020), £300 from AAP (December 2020), £1,000 from Rothley (March 2020),

Derek Coates

Chair of Burnhope Community Centre

Burnhope Village Support Group

As part of a grant from County Durham Community Foundation and National Emergencies Trust, Burnhope Village Support Group has stocks of essential household items and food to give to anyone in our village who finds themselves with less in the purse due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Burnhope Community Centre “bankrolled” this funding and provided space for the project to operate. Volunteers from the local community made it happen!

The people who have benefitted have been a wide cross section of the community, from those who were self-isolating with or without symptoms due to COVID-19, single parent families, low income families, vulnerable residents, victims of abuse. They have had support with shopping, click & collect, friendly phone calls, prescription collections, dog walking etc. We have provided Emergency Food and Household Supplies Parcels for those in need, either through losing their jobs, being furloughed, having benefit problems or being ill. The project has supported whole-family community activities and goody bags, designed to help with food poverty as well as mental health.

Well done to everyone involved!

Highlights of the year

During lockdown 2.0 the Trustees decided to refresh the paint in the building to get it ready for when we reopened again.

Karen Reynoldson, a volunteer who was part of the Coronavirus group held a Book sale at the Community Centre in aid of St John's Parish Church. This sale raised £613.54 for the church. Well done Karen and thank you everyone who donated and bought books.

Burnhope Halloween Spooktacular, a Halloween Trail, socially distanced fun for all the family, involved activity bags for all the children, and prizes for best dressed house. This was organised by Natalie Dawson and funded by fellow volunteers in the Coronabusters group.

Burnhope Community Centre and Children North East donated 120 goody bags for the Halloween Trail and these were greatly received by children and young people in the community.

We welcomed four new Trustees to our committee:

Heather Galloway
Gordon Smith
Cindy Brockington
David Brockington

Lynn Adamson, the headteacher of Burnhope Primary School moved jobs in March 2021 and sadly resigned from her position as a trustee. Lynn was instrumental in raising the school's ofsted rating from “requires improvement” to “good” which benefits the children in our village.

In her place we welcomed Lisa Bryson, the acting head, as the schools rep on the Trustee Group. These links with the school are so important and we really appreciate all of their support.

Groups and Hires

During the short few months we were open in 2020 the following groups and activities also took place: Monday Club, Pilates, coffee morning and St Johns Café Church.

The Youth Drop-in provided by Consett Detached Youth Project continued to be provide a drop-in for young people aged 11+.

We welcomed Slimming World to our centre in October 2020.

The Age UK-led Heritage Lottery Funded project - the village that refused to die, did not run at all from April 2020 – March 2021 due to the pandemic.

Plans for the future

Burnhope Bairns – a new toddler group
Positive Futures Kids Klub – for primary aged children
Seated Chair Exercises

Treasurers AGM report

The centre secured in August 2020 a £26,466 grant from Awards for All, Mid Durham AAP, and the Willan Trust to employ a coordinator for the Centre for 25 hours per week. Sarah Grey was employed on the 16 September 2020. After just 6 weeks Sarah was put on the Government's furlough scheme, working from home for 5 hours a week. The furlough payments and the DCC grants enabled the extension of Sarah's contract to 15 September 2022 to comply with the Grant application that was not fully funded.

In the year to March 2021, the Centre provided Covid secure procedures and was only able to open from the Middle of August, until the end of October. Then closed again until April 2021 Due to Covid restrictions.

Burnhope Community Centre has received a total £48,190 from Durham County Council's Small Business Grant Fund, and funding from various funders in the year April 2020 until March 2021. Which has greatly helped with the running costs IE; Utilities, which still had to be paid during lockdown, and help to get started again after lockdown with various activities that will allow us to engage once more with the Community, with restrictions.

Treasurer
Janet Box



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BURNHOPE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

**On accounts for the year
ended**

MARCH 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162463.

Set out on pages

1-4.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

[Signature]

Date:

5.7.21

Name:

[Signature]

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

None.

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PROFIT AND LOSS SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>OUTGOING</u>
	£ 58,955.75	£ <u>25,820.22</u>
	£ 25,820.22	
	<u>£ 33,135.53</u>	
C/F	19,556.42	
TOTAL	<u>£ 52,691.95</u>	

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Audited by

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BANK AND CASH IN HAND

CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 6,956.49
SAVING ACCOUNT 1	25,820.00
SAVING ACCOUNT 2	19,818.90
CASH IN HAND	96.56
TOTAL	<u>£ 52,691.95</u>

INCOME

Hall hire	£	907
Meeting Room hire	£	634
Drop in	£	285
Community Gym	£	259
Gym Memberships	£	46
Donations	£	101
Feed in tariff	£	94
Bank interest	£	7
Furlough payments	£	3,891
Funding	£	48,190
Other income	£	4,542
TOTAL	£	58,956

EXPENDITURE

Water	£	1,017
Electricity	£	2,995
Insurance	£	1,924
Licences	£	201
Catering	£	6
Equipment	£	3,015
Building maintenance	£	1,581
Office and Admin	£	364
Covid support grants made	£	5,300
Salaries	£	9,415
Cash Adjustment	£	1
TOTAL	£	25,820

Year Balance £ 33,136

Carried Forward £ 19,556

Total Balance £ 52,692

Note 1: The balances held in the accounts at the year-end are as follows:

- Restricted funding for Centre Co-ordinator to be spent in 2021-22 £ 20,953
- Restricted funding for Youth Club to be spent in 2021-22 £ 675
- Restricted funding for equipment to be spent in 2021-22 £ 1,000
- Funding set aside for work on the Centre to be spent in 2021-22 £ 10,696
- Three months turnover kept as reserves £ 19,368

Note 2: Grants made were for Covid support work in Burnhope through a specially formed local group

Note 3: Other income is a refund from British Gas for overcharging on our electricity bill



Treasurer from April 2022

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