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Burnhope Community Centre

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

Charity Incorporated Organisation Registration No: 1162463

Langley Avenue, Burnhope, Durham DH7 0AG

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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.

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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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

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

CCXX R2 accounts (SS)

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

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention 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) 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.



B J Straughan
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Chartered Accountants

12/1/2026
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