

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2024		Day 31st	Month March	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Yewdale Community Association

Other names charity is known by Yewdale Community Centre

Registered charity number (if any) 1082951

Charity's principal address Hutton Way

Sandsfield Park

Carlisle, Cumbria

Postcode

CA2 7TH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Les Tickner	Secretary		
2	Jeanette Whalen	Member of Management Committee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Stephen Carter – Centre Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (CIO)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are selected from Officers and Elected Members of the Management Committee. The Management Committee is selected at the AGM by nomination and simple majority voting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

The charity operates under an agreed constitution with Cumberland Council as owners of the property.

The charity operates within a network of local Community Centres.

The charity works with several third sector partners as well as other Public Sector organisations.

The charity uses meetings both face to face and electronic to address any risks.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To act as a community resource for the benefit of the inhabitants of Yewdale Ward and its neighbourhoods without discrimination or prejudice. To offer, promote and advance facilities that will improve the education, social welfare, recreation and leisure time thus increasing the life conditions for the inhabitants.

To establish, maintain and manage the community centre for the activities promoted by the organisation and its constituent bodies, in the furtherance of the above objectives.

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

The organisation has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the commission.

- Parent and Toddler Group
- Bowls
- Church Group
- Soft Play Sessions
- Social Group
- Knit and Natter
- Holiday Club
- Diabetes Programme
- Intensive Care Support Group
- Corporate Meetings and Room Hires
- Parties/ Events/ Projects
- Brunch Club (Monthly)
- Trampoline Rec Sessions
- Nursery Term Time (Ofsted Rating – Outstanding)
- Country and Western Nights
- Trampoline Club
- Karate
- Chojinkai

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The organisation has a dedicated group of volunteers many of whom have been associated with the centre's activities since it opened in 1992. Without the goodwill and selflessness of those volunteers we would be unable to offer the range of activities that are currently available.

The furtherance of the aims and objectives of the organisation is reliant on income through activities as well as grants.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Shortly after the buildings were opened a long-term plan was developed with a view to increasing the activities as well as the footprint of the building. The Centre owns and runs its own purpose-built nursery along with an outdoor play area. This has enabled the organisation to increase nursery numbers but also to vastly improve the offer.

Ongoing maintenance and repairs through the year included;

- A full environmental audit with recommendations for a phased introduction of energy saving measures.
- Refurbishment of the hall and lounge areas
- The nursery has just been re-awarded an Ofsted rating of Outstanding.
- We now take two-year-old children into the setting
- Installation of new energy efficient windows
- We have Charitable Incorporated Organisation Foundation Status

Capital Improvements

- Thanks to a successful grant application we have installed an outdoor covered Hub area that we use for social, community and business events.
- We hope to raise the funds to refurbish our toilet facilities

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to enable the centre to operate for three months. On top of this we build up a repair and renewal fund in order to have the capital available to replace key assets. The level of this fund is calculated using accepted write off depreciation timescales.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Our main source of income is derived through charges made for user groups, hall hire, membership fees and income from food and drink sales. The management committee meets regularly to monitor financial performance against predicted income and expenditure in order to adjust costs against actual income. We also currently receive a grant from Cumberland Council and actively seek additional funding for specific objectives from the many funding agencies such as Lottery Funding etc. We invest where possible but are aware of our role as a community resource in that we use any capital to provide services rather than to simply bank all surpluses.

Section F

Other optional information

The organisation is ambitious and is determined to provide the services that are relevant to the social conditions. We will focus on activities that bring opportunity and hope to the vulnerable members of our community

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Les Tickner	Jeanette Whalen
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Committee Member
Date	13 th of June 2025	

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025						
1. Accounting Policies						
a These statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis. Non-monetary assets and liabilities are shown as at year end						
b The charity has 6 funds supported by grants from Carlisle City Council and from own fundraising						
c All bank interest is allocated to the General Fund in the year in which it is received.						
d No remuneration or travel expenses were paid to any Trustees.						
e Unrestricted funds are donations, grants and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.						
f) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure that meets the criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs. There has been no such allocation in these statements as the expenditure would be negligible.						
g All expenditure is included on a receipts and Payments basis and is outlined when there is an obligation to pay for the expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the funds as expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.						
2. Donations and Grants						
	General Funds	Restricted Funds Restricted	Utilities	Total 2025	Total 2024	
Cumberland County Council	£ 17,400	£ -	£ -	£ 17,400	£ 18,000	
Councillor Grant	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Lottery	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Cumbria C.C.	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Cumbria C.C.(Forum)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Playscheme	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Coffee Bar(playscheme)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Private Donations	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Admin	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
Room Hire	£ 17,416	£ -	£ -	£ 17,416	£ 18,252	
Restricted Income	£ -	£ 21,639	£ -	£ 21,639	£ 2,431	
Unrestricted Income	£ 38,526	£ -	£ -	£ 38,526	£ 41,255	
Covid Job Retention Scheme	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	
	£ 73,342	£ 21,639	£ -	£ 94,981	£ 79,938	

3. Operating activities to further charity's objectives						
		General Funds	Restricted Funds		Total 2025	Total 2024
			Restricted	Utilities		
Nursery Income (LA)		£ 97,464	£ -	£ -	£ 97,464	£ 79,434
Nursery Fees (Paying)		£ 4,205	£ -	£ -	£ 4,205	£ 10,928
Nursery Earlies Fee		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Nursery Lunchtime Fee		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Nursery Cooked Lunch Inc		£ 2,807	£ -	£ -	£ 2,807	£ -
Nursery Uniform		£ 312	£ -	£ -	£ 312	£ 326
		£ 104,788	£ -	£ -	£ 104,788	£ 90,688
4. Activities to generate funds						
		General Funds	Restricted Funds		Total 2025	Total 2024
			Restricted	Utilities		
Bowls		£ 1,380	£ -	£ -	£ 1,380	£ 1,209
Coffee Machine		£ 103	£ -	£ -	£ 103	£ 3,482
Donated Goods		£ 498	£ -	£ -	£ 498	£ 280
Fundraising		£ 2,560	£ -	£ -	£ 2,560	£ 3,124
Trampoline Recreation Session		£ 34,615	£ -	£ -	£ 34,615	£ 23,207
Trampoline Camp		£ 902	£ -	£ -	£ 902	£ 762
Trampoline Party		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Trampoline Special		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Tuck Shop		£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 431
Yewtots		£ 3,410	£ -	£ -	£ 3,410	£ 3,757
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		£ 43,468	£ -	£ -	£ 43,468	£ 36,252
5. Investment income and interest						
		General Funds	Restricted Funds		Total 2025	Total 2024
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Bank Interest		£ 336			£ 336	£ 1,060
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		£ 336	£ -	£ -	£ 336	£ 1,060
6. Other income						
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