



# TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Fishburn Youth & Community Centre

Butterwick Road Fishburn TS21 4ED

Charity Number : 1165240

Chairman: Michael Parkin

Secretary: Fay Irvine

Treasurer: John Irvine

Trustees: Ann Hewitt/ Michelle Barker



## Structure

The site consists of two fully accessible buildings a Community Centre and a Youth Centre, Trustees have responsibility over both the maintenance and development of the services provided.

The Community Centre building is owned by CISWO ( Formally NCB – Miners Welfare Hall), it is held in trust by DCC for the benefit of the community. The day to day running, development and fundraising is carried out by the centre manager and staff which include a Cleaner, a Delivery Driver, 3 Cooks and 5x Youth Service staff. In addition to this we have support from a team of volunteers.

## Activities and Objectives.

To further or benefit the residents of Fishburn 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.

We strive to be an inclusive community centre and provide services to all individuals regardless of their gender, religion, beliefs, ethnicity or sexual orientation. We promote individuality and recognise each person's right to be treated with dignity and respect whilst upholding our fundamental British Values.

Our youth services are of vital importance to the families not only in the village of Fishburn but also the neighbouring villages of Trimdon and Sedgefield. It offers young people from the age of 7 years to 17 years the opportunity to meet at a safe hub in which they can engage in social activities which help to maintain not only their physical abilities, it also boosts self-esteem and promotes good mental health. Young people who engage in physical and mental activities, socialise with peer groups and engage with positive adult role models this not only boosts and maintains their overall well-being it also reduces the risk of loneliness and isolation which is a contributory factor in the development of depression.

## Achievements and Performance

Our main objectives this year have been to continue to further enhance the opportunities available to the local community. Now we have secured staff wages until 2028 we have continued to apply for funding needed to maintain our activities and youth services on offer to the community.

This cost of living crisis continues to hit families hard in the local area and food and fuel poverty has become a very real problem for many. We continue to offer our meals service both dine and delivery and have now at requests from the neighbouring village of Trimdon extended our deliver area to include this. We now also offer two Sunday dinners per month at a reduced cost which has proven extremely popular as there is no other facility in the village which can offer this service.

There are 19 projects currently available which include, a number of exercise, art/craft sessions, cardiac rehab, gentle chair exercise, plus a range of projects aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness.

Children often come to youth club hungry a problem we have taken steps to reduce, this September we launched Fishburn Food Crew and each evening children who attend youth club will benefit from a nutritious meal helping to relieve hunger and promote overall physical and mental health. During the project we will incorporate developing cooking skills in young people and during each session staff will engage with the children to plan, prepare and cook meals. Not only will this enable them to develop important skills and learn about healthy eating, cooking is an excellent life skill to learn. It also boosts confidence and self-esteem and may spark an interest in cooking as a career.

### Financial Information

FYCC operates a reserves policy to cover essential maintenance. Annual accounts are independently audited in line with charity guidelines.

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## Financial Activities

January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Bar Income	17,085.02
Donations and legacies	187.70
Food Income	38,968.80
Fundraising	14,877.38
Grants	188,631.02
Refund	-411.65
Room Hire	25,156.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£284,494.86</b>
Cost of Sales	
Bar Stock	13,489.14
Lunch Club Expenses	13,791.59
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>£27,280.73</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£257,214.13</b>
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	1,603.15
Bank charges	223.29
Cleaning	1,382.69
Community Christmas Dinner	305.24
Craft Club Expenses	298.62
Electric	13,113.32
Employee Pension Liability	-593.20
Employer National Insurance Expense	3,606.38
Employer Pension Expense	444.93
Employer Pension Liability	-213.03
Equipment	1,524.31
Events/Entertainment Expenses	7,017.80
Gas	8,177.79
Insurances	2,223.00
Ladies Club Expenses	950.00
Office/General Administrative Expenses	594.63
Other Professional Services	607.62
Phone Costs	893.76
Printing, Postage and Stationery	47.95
Repair and maintenance	166,766.48
Subscriptions	1,219.76
Van Expenses	1,428.59
Van Fuel	917.65
Volunteer Expenses	530.00
Wages Expense	80,493.14
Water	1,175.52
Youth Club Expenses	2,688.03
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£297,427.42</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£ -40,213.29</b>

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January - December 2024

	TOTAL
Other Income	
Interest Earned	1,549.97
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>£1,549.97</b>
Other Expenditures	
Other Expense	181.45
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>£181.45</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>£1,368.52</b>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<b>£ -38,844.77</b>

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**19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Dear Chair and Trustees,**

**Re. Fishburn Youth and Community Centre**

May I thank you for asking me to examine your accounts and records for the previous year's activity. From the outset I can confirm I found no issues to raise with yourselves. All papers, bank statements were provided, and I saw no issues to report. Indeed, I found the books and record easy to inspect and follow. Thanks must go to the whole team.

If I may comment on the accounts one area for you to focus on:

- a. Although on the face of it you made a deficit of £40,764 this is clearly as a result of the £166,766 spent on repairs and maintenance

I wish you all well and on what I have seen from this examination and from using the building I am sure continued success and development of the Centre will follow.

Yours sincerely,

**Alderman John Robinson  
Fishburn Parish Clerk**