



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date) 0 1 0 4 2 3 to (end date) 3 0 0 3 M 2 4

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name The Lester Drive Centre

Other names the charity is known by Formerly: Eccleston Old People's Welfare Committee

Registered charity number (if any) 1 1 6 5 8 5 5

Charity's principal address
The Lester Drive Centre,
5 Lester Drive,
Eccleston,
St.Helens. Postcode W A 1 0 5 B F

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	Edith Mary Martlew	Chairman		
2	Hazel Morley	Treasurer		
3	Andrew Martlew	Secretary		
4	Alan Martlew			
5	Joyce Sharrock			
6	Barbara Woodcock			
7	Shiela Hand			
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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
Eccleston Parish Council	
Custodian Trustees	

Section A**Reference and administration details (continued)**

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Committee

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.

Committee members give their time on a voluntary basis and receive no payment or other benefits.

Trustees have a welcome pack with relevant constitution and policies.

Trustees receive fire procedure training.

St.Helens Environmental Health routinely inspect the catering kitchen.

We are members of Halton and St.Helens Voluntary Community Action who are available for help or advice.

Eccleston Parish Council has two representatives who regularly attend Committee meetings.

The Carbon Trust.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To promote the general good of people of all ages by organising and implementing activities and initiatives that will embrace and enrich the education, health (both physical and mental), social, cultural and recreational needs of the local community and bring people together.

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)

In planning our activities throughout the year the Committee have considered the Charities Commission guidance on Public Benefit. Our focus remains the well being of the elderly and we have continued to provide activities and entertainment to both stimulate and educate as well as an opportunity to meet and discuss with peers.

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 committee are grateful to our helpers who regularly attend and give freely of their time and energies in working for the benefit of the community.

A Reserves Policy has been put in place.

Any surplus funds are to be held in interest paying deposit account - no significant expenditure is anticipated.

The Committee do not award grants.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The various Groups have reported numbers attending sessions on average are still lower than pre lockdown, with one or two exceptions. The Art group and Boardgamers have been successful in recruiting some new (or returning) members.

The Committee started on a joint project with Cornerstone Church to convert the garage into a Food Pantry to distribute food and help support local people, families and those in need who were struggling with ever increasing prices. This project continues and now has support from more local companies and community interest groups. The volunteers continue to plan new the ways to support local people. The Group is registered as a Warm hub with the local council.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Committee holds £ in the current account, £ in the deposit account and £ in the building development fund. The reserves policy is in place with amounts specified for any unforeseen emergencies and essential maintenance work to the structure or fabric of the building.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

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 funding is self generated fund raising activities by the Committee. We also generate income from hall hire, with fees being comparable to other local venues and are reviewed on a yearly basis. A scale of hire fees ranges from subsidised charity events (at the discretion of the committee) to one off private bookings. We do receive occasional grants from several local charities for specific items.

Section F**Other optional information**

Forward Planning

We aim to develop the garage into a purpose built annex in order to enhance the activities we offer to benefit the well being of the people of Ecclestone.

We want to encourage people to support the groups they were members of before lockdown and recruit new people in order to promote wellness, fellowship and mental stimulation. The Committee want to relaunch the Afternoon Tea & Bingo and are considering the best approach.

Cornerstones Food Pantry are planning to start some cash flow/debt/cooking advice sessions.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Andrew Martlew

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

01/01/23

the Lester drive centre 2024/2025

income	23/24	24/25	Expenditure	23/24	24/25
			Cleaning and Material	1824.89	2,177.30
			Repairs and Renewals		
Use of Centre			Gas saftey inspection		147.00
Bridge	2,986.00	3,600.26	Fire inspection	157.66	158.11
Slimming world	1,404.00	1,323.00	Plastering		480.00
Cornerstones	1,400.00	1,300.00	Electrical work	1,350.00	
Board Gamers	1,294.00	968.00	Roofing	520.00	
Tai Chi	1,275.00	1,025.00	Plumbing	94.00	
Art	540.35	796.50	Afternoon tea expenses		350.00
Solar	512.56	183.21	Insurance	2,121.66	2,642.15
Hand chimers	408.00	1,368.00	Gas/Eelectric	2,518.14	1,717.72
Plant sale	294.20	410.40	Honararium	952.68	1,040.00
Antiques		140.00	Water	880.00	670.39
Lady Farmers	161.00	138.00	electric	623.71	
Private Party	105.00	90.00	BT	287.03	180.77
Maths club	23.00	46.00	Council refuse and lice	339.25	320.12
Amazon	18.41	46.00	bank charges	97.92	87.19
Books	12.00	9.40			
Afternoon tea grant		350.00			
Afternoon tea raffle		328.00			
sse refund		150.40			
	10,433.52	12,272.17		11766.94	9,970.75
profit		2,301.42			

Prepared by J Morley 23/5/25

Examined and found to be a true record and fair statement

L.M. Lyons 23rd May 2025