

Spennymoor Youth and Community Association

Annual Report 2024

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024



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Community Association



Spennymoor Youth and Community Association enjoyed another successful year in which we continued to support struggling families, isolated older residents, people with lived experience of mental and physical health problems and residents looking for new skills as volunteers or to learn and train towards employment.

Our National Lottery Reaching Communities funded project enabled us to support over 4,000 centre users and to secure additional funding for new and established activities, adding to our community programme and achieving our ambition to be a 7 day centre for everyone.

Year two Lottery grant spend of £84,834 funded project staff, community café cook/overheads, weekend workers, volunteer costs, office costs, training, marketing and publicity.

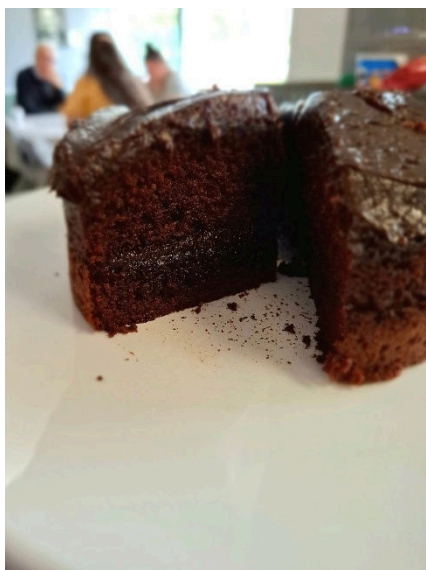
We made significant investment in making our centre greener and more sustainable. Thanks to grant funding secured from Durham County Council, Durham Community Action and SYACA match funding, we were able to install energy saving improvements which included zoned and remotely controlled heating, solar panels with battery storage and FiT energy fed back to the grid, smart radiator thermostats, boiler optimisation, hot water timers and energy reducing equipment on our fridges and freezers.

Awards for All funding allowed us to install ultrafast broadband alongside digital and ICT support for residents delivered from the centre.

Alongside reducing our energy costs, we continued to broaden our funding base with new grant funders matched by continued support from partners including:

Funder	Amount	Activity
Awards for All	£11,022	Community Ultrafast Connect to install broadband infrastructure and YouFibre on a social tariff throughout the centre. The project included digital help for residents with the online world and access to digital equipment.
Welcome Space	£3,890	To open up the centre for isolated residents and families struggling with the cost of living, offering free access to tea, coffee, food and emergency food help. As well as help, support and a place to meet.
Police and Crime Commissioner Trailblazer, Livin, Spennymoor Local Network	£18,648	To deliver in house youth sessions and outreach across Spennymoor and Tudhoe.
Livin and Fun and Food County Durham	£4,018	For Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas holiday activities for children and families with access to food.
Spennymoor Town Council	£652	Santa doorstep visits.
Durham County Council	£3,000	Chillax CREE
TOTAL:	£41,230	

Eating Together



Providing food help to Spennymoor residents has been a significant part of our work. The Bread and Butter Thing provided over 1,000 members with weekly affordable food surplus. Complemented by weekly FareShare bags and Feeding Families emergency food parcels.

Our community café has given residents access to affordable hot food and space to meet others and become part of the centre. Twice weekly term sessions have been popular with older isolated residents and alongside preschool play, our café has been popular with parents, carers and childminders.

Plans for a community pantry will add to our offer in 2025, offering centre users access to low cost groceries, toiletries and fresh food grown on our community allotment.



Working Together

- We continued to work with Learning a New Way CIC, as their services grow, in providing a hub for education and support services for SEND and home educated young people.
- Kingdom Culture Church has established itself within the centre and support a number of our projects and services, providing volunteers, involvement and funding.
- We worked closely with Spennymoor Town Team in shaping how £20m of Government investment will be spent over the next 10 years. Chair Barbara Graham representing SYACA and Tudhoe Community Centre on the Town Team Board and Project Co-ordinator Michael Fishwick involved on working groups aligned to our priorities.

- As one of their recognised Wellbeing Hubs, we continued to work closely with Wellbeing for Life Adult Services in providing wellbeing services and support to our own wellbeing groups and the wider community.
- A formal contract with Durham Learn allowed us to host a range of adult learning courses including ESOL as we continue to work with Spennymoor's growing refugee and asylum seeker population as they become involved and part of the local community.
- As a youth and community centre our membership of the Lottery funded Youth print project led by Auckland Youth and Community Centre brought together youth and community service providers to co-ordinate efforts and network across the area.
- Our involvement in the CREE network facilitated by Durham Community Action and funded by Durham County Council made our Chillax CREE one of the few CREE groups delivering youth provision for young people with additional needs.

Looking ahead



Our priorities over the next 12 months will be to continue efforts in making our charity and partnership with Tudhoe Community Centre increasingly sustainable by investing in staff and volunteers and ensuring we have robust systems and policies on important areas including; safeguarding, governance, financial management, fundraising, building maintenance and centre development.

Our staff team will work with trustees, volunteers and partners to evaluate the impact Communities Together Stepping UP in its final project year has made as we develop the

next phase of the project and look to secure funding to be able to sustain what we do well.



Thank you!

We are grateful to our SYACA Team; Trustees, volunteers, staff, partners, funders and centre users who sustain our charity and help to deliver the difference it makes for so many people across the communities we serve. We couldn't do it without each and everyone involved.

Trustees

Chair – Barbara Graham

Vice Chair – Vacancy

Secretary – Neil Foster

Treasurer – Wayne Gibson

Committee:

Dianna Charlton

Ian Geldhart (Town Council Rep)

Andy Anderson (Town Council Rep)

Staff

Michael Fishwick – Development Manager

Danielle Clarke – Project Worker

Helen Riley – Centre Administration

Gemma Matthews – Weekend Worker

Kelly Cox – Weekend Worker

Ashley Court – Cook

Val Richardson – Caretaker

Spennymoor Youth Work Team

Chris Milner – Youth Worker

Claire Peat – Youth Worker

David Stow – Youth Worker

Sandra Mc Donnell – Support

Tudhoe Youth Work Team

Claire Bissett – Youth Worker

Danielle Todd – Youth Worker

Alyssa Carr – Support

Sedgefield Youth Work

Victoria Robinson – Youth Worker

Kerry Nicholson – Support

Iona Darton – Support

**Thank You to All Volunteers who support the centre on
a daily basis.**

**It really could not happen without your help and
involvement.**

SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

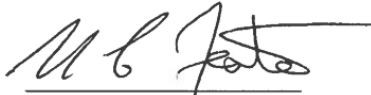
RECEIPTS	2024	2023	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
Building Room Hire	19745	16245	Building & Cleaning	9053	7277
AAP Youth Connect Income	5962		Gas & Electric	7644	5876
Fairshare Income	500		Water	906	858
Paypal Income	20		Building Insurance	1163	1148
			Service Direct Repairs	288	
			Telephone & Internet	797	324
			Office/General Admin Expenses	555	30
Chillax Sessions	3000	2900	Christmas 2024 F & F Exp	1045	
			Accountancy Charges	354	354
			T V License	159	159
Christmas 2-24 F & F Inc	1682		Living Holidays Activities 21-22		120
AAP Fun/Food/Healthy Relationship		15150	PPL-PRS Fees	440	
Ballanger Trust		17795	Bank Charges	124	174
NCLF – Stepping Up	84387	42193	NLCF Stepping Up	578	505
Place for People	1000		Tudhoe Youth Club	7029	
Sales of Product Income	90		AAP Learning Together		
Sedgefield YC Wages Income	3380		/AAP Covid		8261
Clothes Bank Donation	236	56	Funding		21609
Fun & Food	5499	2110	AAP Youth/Health/Covid	2013	
SYACS – F&F		1139	Computers/ICT	497	3814
Tudhoe CC Income	5354	9622	Youth Club Activities		7651
Tudhoe YC 2024 (PointNorth)	4810		Grants Expenses		1820
Non Profit Income	20198	25305	Photocopier Expenses	1203	1000
Ultra Connect A4A Income	15097		Chillax Expenses	1890	1413
Uncategorized Income		31906	Repairs		176
			Vehicle Expenses	2799	2253
			Living Holidays		2086
			Fairshare Exp	600	
Grants	14530	24520	Wages Expenses	114703	104076
			Sedgefield YC Wages	115	
			Move It Project	160	
			D of E Expenses	489	1635
			Reaching Communities		67
			Quickbooks	858	
			Co-op Donation	472	
			CDCF 2024 Grant Exp	2399	
			Covid 19 Take Away		1200
			Eating Together	1154	645
			Ballanger Trust	1678	1678
			Cassop F&F Summer Exp		240
			DBS Checks	105	255
			Defibrillator	156	156
			Food & Fun	4414	500
			Uncategorised Expenses	57	
			Ultra Connect A4A Exp	11021	
Excess of Payments - over Receipts			Plus Excess of Receipts - over Payments		
	<u>185489</u>	<u>188941</u>		<u>8571</u>	<u>11581</u>
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SPENNYMOOR YOUTH & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY

	2024	2023		2024	2023
Balance as at 01.01.24	170774	159179	Balance as at 31.12.24		
<u>Less</u> Excess of Payments over receipts for the Year			Unity Trust Bank	180666	171086
			Debtors	56036	46237
			Creditor	(57657)	(46863)
<u>Plus</u> Excess of Receipts Over payments for the Year	8571	11581	Cash in Hand	300	300
	<u>179345</u>	<u>170760</u>		<u>179345</u>	<u>170760</u>
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Approved by


B GRAHAM
Chairperson


COUNCILLOR N FOSTER
Secretary


W GIBSON
Treasurer

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We have compiled these unaudited accounts from the books and records of Spennymoor Youth & Community Association and from information given to us. We have not performed an audit therefore we do not express any opinion on the financial information.

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10th April 2025