

Charity registration number 1171390

Company registration number 10213452 (England and Wales)

DUNSTON ACTIVITY CENTRE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

DUNSTON ACTIVITY CENTRE

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	10213452
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024*

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

After a year of sustained dedication from trustees, staff, volunteers supporting new projects and community initiatives, we were pleased to have ended the financial year with a surplus of £23,411 – a sevenfold increase on the surplus of the previous year.

To alleviate the pressure of rising costs, we held an internal and professional energy assessment of the Centre. Because of this we have changed suppliers and substantially reduced our fuel costs.

We reflected upon a nine year programme of huge structural development of the Centre evidenced in the following ...

- Change from having only one multi-purpose room in 2016 to five multi-purpose rooms (MPR1 – MPR5) by 2024.
- The provision of a community café – ‘Jo’s Café’ – providing tasty and reasonably priced meals in a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere and with excellent customer service. The café has attracted increasing numbers of local residents. Of particular note is the clientele of widowers who have made the Café a social meeting point around food.
- Suite of Computers for the FREE use of all-age members of the community: residents seeking jobs, finding out about benefits or simply accessing the internet or playing computer games. This has proved to be a great, ongoing success with many.
- Our FREE Library Service, used by residents of all ages and by local primary schools, excellently managed by Joyce Forster and wholly run by volunteers.
- A pleasant and secure outside community garden area for social activities including barbecues for adults, children and young people. This was designed by a pro bono local landscape gardener who completed the project by providing young people with work experience under the Government’s Kick Start programme.
- Upgrading the Sports Hall by the installation of UV lights, the painting of the football pitch with fluorescent paint so that we could offer ...
 - i. UV Dance-Games Parties: These have been enormously successful with 6- 11 year-olds and their families.
 - i. Erection of Basketball backboards and hoops allowing us to introduce the sport for the first time.

As a consequence of the structural transformation, footfall in DAC has steadily increased so that approximately 7,000 residents of all ages frequent the Centre every month. This has also enhanced the range of the activities, services and events we have been able to offer to our community. This has made for increasing levels of all-age community cohesion. For instance, our Christmas and Easter Fayres have been gradually improved by incorporating them with Fun Days for Families. This not only provided attractive stalls for adults but also provided enjoyable activities that encouraged the interaction of children and their families.

After securing necessary finance, we set up a Games Room in which families played Air Hockey, Table Tennis, Pool and Football. Using volunteers, we also arranged for the appearance of Darth Vader, Peppa Pig and Chewbacca. This created a tangible ‘buzz’ in the atmosphere and also provided an opportunity for family photo-shoots. Parents and their children participated in the creation of Easter bonnets or baseball caps and the decoration of Easter eggs for entry into our competition.

In November, we begun our Friday evening Cornerstone Clubs for 6-13 year-olds. These have been hugely successful attracting an average of 50 children and young people per week – at the same time giving an opportunity for accompanying adults to socialise in our Concourse Café area. These two-hour sessions combine games, art and craft, team building and the promoting of community values. Moreover, the sessions end with exciting times in the Sports Hall where giant soft play and inflatables, football and team-building games feature.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Financial review

Major risks

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs Pauline Brown

Mr C R Lowe

Mrs Joyce Forster

Mr E Nichols

M J Carlin

Mr Nathan Brown

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees may be appointed by a resolution passed at a special meeting of the trustees, or by statutory powers.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs Pauline Brown
Trustee

17 January 2025

Mrs Joyce Forster
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUNSTON ACTIVITY CENTRE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Dunston Activity Centre (the Charity) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of AAT, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and 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 financial statements to be reached.

Gunnell & Chambers Accountants Limited

8 Fellside Road
Whickham
Newcastle Upon Tyne
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Dated: 17 January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	142,761	93,864
Charitable activities	4	167,215	138,770
Investments	5	44	812
Total income		310,020	233,446
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	289,660	281,977
Total expenditure		289,660	281,977
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		20,360	(48,531)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 July 2023		3,051	51,582
Fund balances at 30 June 2024		23,411	3,051

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		54,806		63,647
Current assets					
Debtors	11	3,967		17,024	
Cash at bank and in hand		47,835		18,577	
		51,802		35,601	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(83,197)		(96,197)	
Net current liabilities			(31,395)		(60,596)
Total assets less current liabilities			23,411		3,051
Net assets excluding pension liability			23,411		3,051
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds			23,411		3,051
			23,411		3,051

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The director acknowledges her responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 January 2025

Mrs Pauline Brown
Trustee

Mrs Joyce Forster
Trustee

Company registration number 10213452 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Dunston Activity Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 33 Whickham Highway, Dunston Hill, Gateshead, NE11 9QJ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	15% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
Computers	15% reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	13,472	4,464
Grants receivable	82,289	4,000
Membership fees	47,000	85,400
	<u>142,761</u>	<u>93,864</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Income #ac989		
Charitable rental income	112,215	101,192
Other income	-	2,742
Income #ac995		
Sales of services by beneficiaries	55,000	34,836
	<u>167,215</u>	<u>138,770</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	44	812

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Expenditure 2024 £	Expenditure 2023 £
Direct costs		
Cafe expenses	31,424	25,514
Leisure assistants	131,969	124,632
Rates and water	8,346	5,985
Light and heat	67,010	59,147
Repairs and maintenance	23,650	39,742
Insurance	10,313	9,401
Cleaning	2,163	1,211
Telephone	1,675	1,376
Stationery and printing	927	2,648
Depreciation	8,841	6,782
General expenses	1,488	1,154
Bank charges	894	1,760
Other charitable expenditure	960	2,625
	<u>289,660</u>	<u>281,977</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>289,660</u>	<u>281,977</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024 Number	2023 Number
<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 July 2023	37,672	41,175	23,481	102,328
At 30 June 2024	37,672	41,175	23,481	102,328
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 July 2023	23,557	8,608	6,516	38,681
Depreciation charged in the year	1,411	4,885	2,545	8,841
At 30 June 2024	24,968	13,493	9,061	47,522
Carrying amount				
At 30 June 2024	12,704	27,682	14,420	54,806
At 30 June 2023	14,115	32,567	16,965	63,647

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,967	17,024

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	82,189	95,189
Accruals and deferred income	1,008	1,008
	83,197	96,197

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 30 June 2024 £
General funds	3,051	310,020	(289,660)	23,411

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

13 Unrestricted funds (Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 July 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	51,582	233,446	(281,977)	3,051
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14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).