

PACT House



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TRUSTEES REPORT 2024-25

PACT House continues to grow, finding it's place in the heart of the community as the 'go to' place for help and support of any kind. The cost of Living crisis was cemented the robust support base that PACT House provides locally.

Food poverty continues to be a huge issue, running alongside problems with Universal Credit and other benefits issues and low incomes. The cost of living crisis and huge rise in energy costs has impacted PACT House with more families asking for support.

Sunday Socials and Chatty Tuesdays are now established and volunteer led. PACT House continues to provide a 7 day a week support route and providing much needed weekend availability within our community

PACT has extended support for mental health and well-being, finding this area of need rising faster than any other. Think Positive Durham is now in place offering community mental health support, well-being activities and peer support sessions, PACT delivery reaches the whole community, providing an increasing amount of clubs and activities, some purely recreational, some addressing addiction, sexuality, mental health and social interaction.

We are providing 2 free community meals each week, offering hot food and giving a safe, warm and welcoming place for anyone in our community to enjoy.

Fun and Food Sessions have been a great success, providing school holiday activities with food for children and families, these have provided a lifeline for many of the families we work with.

Our foodbank crisis packs are supplemented by daily end of life / fresh food items that we are encouraging people to access as a way of combating food waste and not just for those facing food poverty.

The PACT House Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account, and have had no reasons to depart from the guidance.

Dave, Sharon, Danny, Julie and Bryan - Trustees

PACT House: 39 Front Street, Stanley DH90JE
Charity Number: 172612

Trustees: David Clarke, Sharon McIlvaney, Bryan Irving, Danny Clark and Julie Green

PACT House operates primarily with volunteers, governed by five trustees plus a management committee of volunteers, local community activists and councillors.

Application for trustees is by telephone / email and arranged interview.

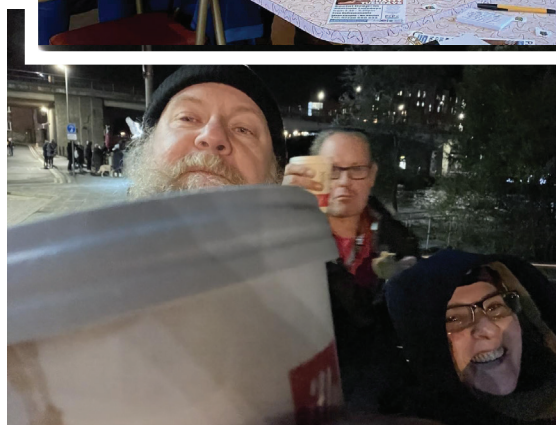
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Financial Statement as at 31 March 2025

Expenditure	£
Bank Charges	230.85
Insurance	821.52
Electricity	15,158.29
Rates & Water Rates	1,626.03
Telephone & IT	3,215.04
Repairs and Maintenance	12,444.08
Salaries	127,559.69
Supplies and Community Support	60,554.24
Projects & Activities	13,100.34
Printing & Stationery	485.00
Counsellors Fees	27,417.40
Rent & Room Hire	4,674.71
Radio Project	749.12
Home Group	3,497.85
Fareshare	1,680.00
Motor Expenses	1,953.63
Sundries	40.00
Total	275,207.79

Examinined by



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024**
Period end date

Period start date To **31st March 2025**

Charity name: PACT House Stanley

Charity registration number: 1172612

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Fighting poverty in all its forms
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Foodbank, free hot meals, affordable lunches, social sessions, LGBTQ+ support, direct mental health and wellbeing, addiction drop-in, health support, advice and guidance
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The PACT House Trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and have taken it into account and have had no reasons to departing from.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	PACT House would like to recognise the contribution volunteers make. Once a year to once a day, volunteers are the life blood of our charity and do more than any community could ask to help others.
Other		

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>PACT House is built around ease of access and wide opening hours, this have proved the perfect way to address people in crisis. Dealing with issues of poverty, providing people with routes to maximise their incomes, take part in training, be better prepared to budget finances, know their rights and entitlements, save energy, batch cook, open up routes to better physical and mental health.</p> <p>Building resilience into a community in order for it to self-support itself.</p> <p>As an anchor and connector organisation bringing local, regional and national strategies into play for the benefit of residents</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy allows for a up to 12 months running costs reserves with a contingency fund allocated for unforeseen circumstances building repairs and
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant funding, commissioned contracts, public donations and fundraising
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Rising costs, utilities, rents and staffing overheads, plus the general rise in purchasing materials and resources
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Memorandum and articles of association
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed on application and subject to interview via the current trustees and management committee.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	PACT House Stanley
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1172612
Charity's principal address	PACT House 39 Front Street, Stanley, Co. Durham DH90JE

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	David Clarke	Chair		
2	Bryan Fergus Irving			
3	Julie Green			
4	Sharon Mcilvaney			
5	Daniel Clark			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Bryan Fergus Irving	Sharon McIlvaney
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	27/01/2026	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
PACT House Stanley

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172612

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 21/01/2026

Name:

Angela Hanson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ATA

Address:

c/o 39 Front Street, Stanley DH90JE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A