

# **Newsham Matters**

**CIO Registered number 1172885**

## **Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

### **Principal operating address:**

19 St. Bedes Place  
BLYTH  
Northumberland  
NE24 4BJ

### **Trustees:**

Susan Hood  
Lesley Hood  
George Vinnerd  
Dora Alderslade  
Sarah Asman  
Mandy Mason

### **Principal objectives**

To advance education for the public benefit by the provision of community learning for residents of Newsham and surrounding areas. To promote health and wellbeing for the public benefit by raising awareness of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle for residents of Newsham and surrounding areas. Providing cost affective trips for families and the elderly and a cost-effective lunch once a week.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The main activities of Newsham Matters are described below and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. In planning these activities, the trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

### **Structure, governance, and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number is 1172885. The charity's governing document is its Foundation Constitution which was approved by the Trustees and last amended 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The charity has no paid staff and trustees are volunteers. The Trustees are elected by the existing group of trustees. None of the trustees has received payment or reimbursement of expenses for their work as trustees.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are elected and co-opted in accordance with the terms set out in the constitution.

The trustees have overall control and responsibility for decision making. Trustees seek to ensure that the users' needs are reflected through the diversity of the Board. They are encouraged to attend training and involved in decision making processes and future plans.

## **Financial**

Our financial position is satisfactory. Our income was mostly through our weekly lunch club. This provides stability to our income. Our operating costs are low due time given free from volunteers who deliver our activities. Our main costs are payments for lunch club, trips and craft club expenditure.

## **Risk Management**

We have assessed the major risks in particular those related to our operations and finances. No major risks have been identified. The level of free reserves held by the charity are sufficient to sustain our activities and provide financial flexibility for future challenges.

## **Achievements**

Newsham Matters has 6 trustees who manage the day to day running of the organisation. Our volunteers help plan our sessions and enable us to deliver our well attended groups and activities. Volunteers have accessed food hygiene training enabling us to deliver safe and effective sessions

Our lunch club is popular with local residents, and we have continued to provide affordable meals every week from the local community centre. This year we have delivered 40 lunch club sessions supplying over 480 meals to local people.

Our weekly craft group is attended by over 14 local people of all ages each week. We provide various craft opportunities enabling people to learn new skills and socialise with others in a relaxed, friendly environment.

We provided family activities during school holidays where families attended along with their children.

Over 180 local residents attended the annual summer trip to Northumberland Zoo. We have set up a WhatsApp group enabling us to improve booking procedures and provide timely information and details about planned trips. We have also set our Newsham Matters facebook page to inform people about our activities. The group now offer the venue as a Warmzone with free tea and coffee provided.

We continue to welcome community groups and organisations to the group providing demonstrations and local information for our members including Blyth Battery, NHS workers, Northumberland Communities Together.

We continue to deliver our sessions from the Pavillion Community Centre. The venue is situated in the local park giving our members the opportunity to access the activities or relax and enjoy the outdoors when attending the group.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Signature:

Name:

Trustee

**Annual Accounts for Newsham Matters**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**  
**CIO Charity Number 1172885**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>
Trips	143		
Grant	3000	Trips	2369.55
		Craft Club	491.64
		Miscellaneous	526.65
		Insurance	342.13
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3143</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>3729.97</b>
Income from lunch club	1136.16	Lunch Club food/equipment	1202.64
Income from Lunch club b/f	232.08		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4511.24</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4932.61</b>
Opening Balance	10,079.19		
Income 23-24	4511.24		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14590.43</b>		
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4932.61</b>		
End of year balance	9657.82		
End of year Lunch Club balance	295.32		

Signature



Position

CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
 CVA BL574 VRCOS

