

Newsham Matters

CIO Registered number 1172885

Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Principal operating address:

19 St. Bedes Place
BLYTH
Northumberland
NE24 4BJ

Trustees:

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

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 21st 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 through our weekly lunch club. This provides stability to our income. Our operating costs continue to be low due time given free from volunteers who deliver our activities. Our main costs are payments for lunch club 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 7 trustees who help manage the day to day running of the organisation. Our volunteers help with the planning of 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 our lunch club sessions supplying meals to local people who may struggle to make a lunch or not eat as they are on their own. Our weekly craft group is attended by over 10 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. 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 offer free tea and coffee. The community can attend if they would just like some company and a chat, they do not have to take part in any of the activities. We continue to welcome community groups and organisations to the group providing demonstrations and local information for our members. 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:

Susan Michelle Hood

Trustee


Treasurer

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Income	£	Expenditure	£
		Room Hire	1692.05
		Stationery	65.88
		Craft Club	178.20
		Miscellaneous	479.78
		Insurance	247.76
Total Income	0	Expenditure	2663.67
Income from lunch club	1608	Expenditure lunch club	1781.11
Total Income	1608	Total Expenditure	4444.78
Opening Balance	9657.82		
Lunch Club in hand	285.32		
Total Income 24-25	1608		
Total	11551.14		
Expenditure 24-25	4444.78		
End of year balance	7106.36		

Signature 

Position Treasurer

Signature 

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