

Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Centre and Recreation Ground (Charity No: 1174075) (<https://www.nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk>)

Annual General Meeting, June 11th, 2024

Trustees' Annual Report

The charity, which began as a CIO on 1st January 2018, has the following aims:

The objects of the CIO are to run a Community Building and to promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish and Sacriston parish ("area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

This report covers the period from June 2023 to June 2024.

The current trustees are:

John Barclay (Chair); George Kendall (Vice-Chair); Lisa Walker (Bookings Secretary); Lillian Walker; Heather Liddle (Treasurer); Diana Barclay (Minutes Secretary); Donna Bruce (appointed by Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council).

Bill Jackson stepped down as Parish Council-appointed trustee during the course of the year, and Donna Bruce replaced him.

Heather Liddle is stepping down as Treasurer at this meeting, but will continue as a Trustee.

Our constitution allows a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 Trustees

The Management Committee of the Centre consists of the Trustees and meets every month. Membership of the Charity is open to any member of the community, on completion of an application form.

The Nettlesworth Centre is used by a wide range of groups, and continues to be an important hub for our villages and the surrounding community. The Sacriston Youth Project is an 'anchor-tenant' and makes excellent use of the building; one room (the Conference Room) has become an SYP Youth Room. Other regular users during the period of this report include: The Community Café; Mini Melodies; two Dog Training groups; Step this Way (Clog dancers); Durham Music Theatre; Durham Hiit Club; Zumba; the Parish Council; and a local arts group.

The Centre and the Recreation Ground were the site of a very successful family Fun Day on June 2nd 2024 (for the third year running). The funding for this year's event, enabling all the

rides to be free, was supplied by the Parish Council. We hope to continue this as an annual tradition.

The rise in energy costs has hit our finances hard: both electricity and gas bills have been hugely higher this year and we nearly went broke. We are grateful for emergency support from the Parish Council in March 2024. We are now on better tariffs and are monitoring and controlling use as far as possible. The raffle associated with the Fun Day brought in more than £600. We are making a number of bids for grants. We are required by Barclays Bank to change the name and status of our account but their service in this regard is slow and inefficient.

For financial reasons, we had to cease buying the services of a cleaner; we are very grateful to Lisa Walker and Lillian Walker who are covering the cleaning for the time being.

Water ingress at a dormer window over the side entrance caused some significant damage, including the collapse of the ceiling over the entrance corridor. This has been repaired, but the building remains difficult to maintain.

We still have plans for significant refurbishment of the building, and have an options report from D3. The Trustees have agreed priorities for refurbishment, but we are unable to progress until the new lease is in place.

Following the intervention of Kevan Jones MP, the Lambton Estates have finally made an offer of a lease (50 years, not automatically renewable, at a peppercorn rent of £10 per annum). We are in discussion with the Council about whether they or we should be the primary lease-holders, since the Council are proposing that they cease to be the Custodian Trustee (by the 1972 agreement).

Refurbishment would allow a significant enhancement of our activities. We are applying for funding to be able to employ a development worker, and are seeking to develop a new business plan. We have a number of plans for the development of the building and the attraction of new users.

We badly need new volunteers to help us with a number of tasks, including publicity/website and buildings maintenance. The current trustees are considerably over-stretched.

The Trustees have proposed that, in order to increase the involvement of the community, the first part of each month's trustees' meeting be open to anyone from the community to attend, if they have given prior notice to the Chair that they intend to do so.

We record here our immense gratitude for the faithful and efficient work performed by Lisa Walker, our Bookings Secretary, and for the energy, vision and highly effective administration performed by Heather Liddle, our Treasurer, who is stepping down from that role at this AGM.

John Barclay (Chair) on behalf of the Trustees

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FOR

KIMBLESWORTH & PLAWSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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KIMBLESWORTH & PLAWSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****REVENUE ACCOUNT**

	Unrestricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Funding/Grants	31,099		26,858	
Room Hire	13,663		16,666	
Donations	313		277	
Sundry Income	0		0	
		45,075		43,801
TOTAL INCOME		<u>45,075</u>		<u>43,801</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Grant expenditure	1,622		2,354	
Event costs	4,233		7,800	
Rent/Leasehold fee	0		9	
Light & heat	18,282		3,666	
Water rates	780		556	
Cleaning	5,467		5,965	
Computer expenses	784		1,097	
Legal & professional	0		17,010	
Insurance	494		494	
Repairs and maintenance	13,212		4,191	
Subscriptions	350		271	
Accountancy fees	120		120	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>45,343</u>		<u>43,533</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		-268		268
Transfer between funds		0		0
RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BROUGHT FORWARD		268		0
RETAINED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) TO CARRY FORWARD		<u>0</u>		<u>268</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>£</u>
FIXED ASSETS			0		0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Bank current account 1		4,664		29,414	
		<u>4,664</u>		<u>29,414</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors and accruals	1	(4,664)		(29,146)	
		<u>4,664</u>		<u>29,146</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			0		268
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>0</u>		<u>268</u>
RESERVES					
General Funds	2	0		268	
			<u>0</u>		<u>268</u>

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2 **RESERVES**

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Balance b/fwd	268	0
Surplus / Deficit for year	-268	268
Balance c/fwd	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>268</u></u>

Kimblesworth & Plawsworth Community Association

**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December
2023**

Client approval certificate

We approve the financial statements and confirm we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

John M.G. Barclay
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kimblesworth & Plawsworth Community Association,

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.



Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

G. Bell

Mr G Bell
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22 May 2024

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