

THE CENTRE IN POYTON **ANNUAL REPORT**

SEPTEMBER 11th 2025

We present our Annual Report for the last 12 months.

The time has come for me to hand the position of Chair to another Trustee. Lindsay Birchall. Lindsay joined the trustee panel last year, initially to support the workload of our Treasurer. Lindsay is a very keen member, who, like us wants to see the Centre move forward to the future. My best wishes to her, I know that she has the full backing and support of all the Trustees. I will also support our new Chairman for the next months ahead, I will then return to my former role, promoting the Centre, via Facebook and internal/external publicity.

I must also welcome, a new member to the Trustee's, Nigel Loadwick, has lived in Poynton for a number of years. He had recently read an article that had I written for our local Inside Poynton publication. He has many talents and is very happy to support in all aspects of the Centre. I also wish him an enjoyable time with us.

Sadly, one of our longest serving Trustees, Roy McGregor has retired from the committee, thankfully he will continue to run the Centre bar alongside John Horridge. Our thanks for all the hard work, especially the minefield of understanding Electricity, Gas and Insurance documentation.

Over the length of my Chairmanship, I have been lucky to oversee the continuing development and face of the Centre. Representing at local events, services for lost members of Men in Sheds and have met many interesting people along the way. Alongside two other Trustees we attended a Volunteer Fair, organised by the Town Council. We were able to showcase our unique Centre.

We are in the process of adopting the "Ask for Angela" initiative – persons feeling that they may be vulnerable from harm and undue attention whilst on our premises, can ask for support from trained members of staff. Training will be given shortly.

My thanks to each and every one, for the continual support, limitless patience (with me) and dedication in keeping with the Centre in Poynton's ethos. I look forward to continuing my support of our lovely Centre.

The last 12 months have seen The Centre continue its progress of recent years in providing a wide range of pursuits and classes for all age groups and tastes. We continue to provide a wide range of weekly /monthly classes. The variety of these is reflected in the general mix of educational, lifestyle and hobby orientated activities, plus opportunities for a wide range of children's dance classes, also several art classes for adults, as well as classes for parents and babies. Our keep fit sessions include Yoga, Pilates, Kick Boxing, Tia Chi as well as Line Dancing, and our weekly Slimming World sessions are very popular. Continuing with lifestyle classes, we host opportunities for dementia, dyslexic, AA and diabetes education and assistance. Pottery & music also form a major part of our community spirit, as do meetings of the local Bridge & Stamp Clubs. Our Marionettes class is very popular and since last year we have hosted their annual puppet show for the local children. We have also recently begun a Family History class.

The Centre has hosted a substantial number of events on an ad hoc basis such as birthday parties and anniversary celebrations for all ages. In addition, music concerts such as our local band **Monkey Harris** as well as other genres of music from America and Holland as part their separate tours.

Training, counselling and textile seminars plus antique shows, are also popular periodically as well as first aid training for parents of young children as well as an adult's session. We have also hosted alongside the local Civic Centre, a heritage Trail, another one is planned for this September. This was very successful and did bring in interest into the Centre

The Men-in- Sheds section of the building complex continues to go from strength to strength and is an integral part of The Centre. There is now a Tuesday evening session, which has proved very popular.

This year we again hosted the **Ride Manc** cycling event and we are confident that we will be invited to host again next year in 2026, for the third time. A very popular event, as it also showcases the Centre.

As always building maintenance is a vital part of our day-to-day concerns as the main section is over 150 years old. During the past 12 months we have had major roof repairs, plus gutter maintenance. Remedial brickwork repair is planned for the immediate future, as well as ramp repairs and a completely new doorway into the side entrance. A new boiler in the janitor's room is also on order to service the hall and Men-in-Sheds areas. Recent resurfacing of the carpark was carried out to avoid further deterioration before winter. A new fence was erected at one end of the carpark to make the appearance neater and safer. We have also fitted a new door between the kitchen and small hall to eliminate noise that was distracting to some classes in the same vicinity. Finally, our 5-year electrical survey, required by law, has been carried out, PAT testing is also part of our annual maintenance.

In closing we would say that The Centre is going from strength to strength in its integral part of the Poynton community.

Barbara Horridge – Chair
Kevin Bell - Manager

POYNTON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Main account

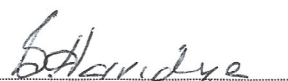
Balance sheet

as at 31 Mar 25

Assets	2025	2024	Liabilities	2025	2024
Fixed assets:			Accumulated capital, b fwd:	£881,841.00	£881,841.00
Land and buildings:	£881,841.00	£881,841.00			
Plant, fixtures and fittings:	£0.00	£0.00			
Total fixed assets:	£881,841.00	£881,841.00	Accumulated capital, c fwd:	£881,841.00	£881,841.00
Current assets:			Current liabilities:		
Prepayments:			Income received in advance:		
Insurance:	£1,164.70	£1,122.61	Hirings & Markets:	£3,030.00	£3,317.00
Bar stock in hand:	£1,814.39	£1,142.73			
Bar float in hand:	£0.00	£55.00			
Cash in hand:	£0.00	£0.00			
Balances at bank:			Payments not yet processed:		
NatWest Bank Current a/c:	£29,588.52	£14,282.82	NatWest Bank Current a/c:	(£610.03)	£780.00
Vernon B S Savings a/c:	£41,570.62	£29,033.78	Vernon B S Savings a/c:	£0.00	£0.00
Total current assets:	£74,138.23	£45,636.94	Total current liabilities:	£2,419.97	£4,097.00
			Reserves:		
			Accumulated revenue surplus, b fwd:	£20,308.05	£23,550.75
			Surplus for the period, 2023-24:		£26,757.30
			Surplus for the period, 2024-25:	£38,650.52	
			Less grant to the Building Fund:	(£30,000.00)	(£30,000.00)
			Accumulated revenue surplus, c fwd:	£28,958.57	£20,308.05
			Accumulated building fund, b fwd:	£21,231.89	£3,394.68
			Deficit for the period, 2023-24:		(£12,162.79)
			Deficit for the period, 2024-25:	(£8,472.20)	
			Plus grant from the Revenue Account:	£30,000.00	£30,000.00
			Accumulated building fund, c fwd:	£42,759.69	£21,231.89
			Total reserves, c fwd:	£71,718.26	£41,539.94
Sub total:	£74,138.23	£45,636.94	Sub total:	£74,138.23	£45,636.94
Total:	£955,979.23	£927,477.94	Total:	£955,979.23	£927,477.94



Hon Treasurer - D R Burton
Appointed at the AGM held on 11 Sep 24



Chairman - Mrs B Horridge
Appointed at the AGM held on 11 Sep 24



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
POYNTON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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 year (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 and a 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
 - keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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 2015)

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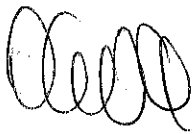
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have not been met; or

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a final vertical stroke, likely representing the name Darren Clark Cooper.

Darren Clark Cooper BA (Hons), F.C.A., C.T.A.
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26th August 2025