

Charity Number

1177739

DAWDON YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Trustees' Report
and Financial Statements
31st December 2024

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024. The accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, Financial Reporting Standard 102 and follow the recommendations in 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 2019).

Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The remainder of this report illustrates the activities undertaken to support the public benefit requirement.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Dawdon Youth and Community Centre

Charity Number

1177739

Charity Trustees

Mrs Beverley Rooney (Chair)
Mrs Sonia Mottram (Treasurer)
Mr Jack McGlenen
Mr Mark Cogdon

Registered Office and Principal Address

Dawdon Community Centre
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Bankers

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Independent Examiner

Adam James MAAT
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Structure and Organisation

Organisation

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered as a charity on 28th March 2018. The charity is managed by the trustees who meet regularly to consider the progress of the charity and to consider its future direction and activities. The day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to the manager who is supported by the other members of staff.

Trustee Appointments

The charity aims to recruit trustees who have the requisite business and sector specific experience to be able to direct and manage the affairs of the charity.

The Trustees are appointed by the members in the Annual General Meeting.

Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted their own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

The charity has the following objects:

- (a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Dawdon and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- (b) To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body in furtherance of the above objects.
- (c) To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Review of the Period

We continue to target the main causes of deprivation such as unemployment, isolation, and Financial Hardship through supportive interventions such as Food Bank, Free Meals, Financial advice and support, Youth Hubs and Parent and Toddler Groups.

- 2024 was a challenging with funding becoming increasingly harder to find.
- The main objectives for 2024 were to seek funding towards staff salaries and activities.
- We will continue to recruit Volunteers to support us in the provision of activities and services.
- The provision of the 'Free Hot Meal' service saw us prepare over 3000 meals.
- We received Household Support Funding which provide vulnerable families with Food Parcels and White Goods.
- We supported over 1000 families with a pack lunch and activity pack during school closures and holidays.
- Objectives: To alleviate food deprivation and financial hardship by providing access to free activities and food for isolated and disadvantaged children, young people and their families totalling 980.
- We were successful in obtaining funding from East Durham Area Action Partnership which provided Cream Teas for Veterans and Trips for under 5's.
- We were successful in obtaining funding from The National Lottery Awards for All to continue Mates n Baits' project.

Factors affecting the charity outside of our control are as follows.

- A duplication of service in the Seaham area have made it harder for us to hit targets.
- Lack of funding

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Plans for the future

- This year we will continue to look for funding for staff salaries. It is getting increasingly difficult to find funders offering Grants for core costs.

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Financial Review

At 31st December 2024 the charity had funds totalling £119,847 (2023: £119,037), having raised £196,759 (2023: £190,400) and spent £195,948 (2023: £160,258) during the year as set out in the notes to the accounts.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that it is appropriate to hold free reserves amounting to in excess of three months of average expenditure. At 31st December 2024 there were unrestricted reserves of £119,847 (2023: £119,037).

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Mr Mark Cogdon
Trustee

Date: 20/04/2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dawdon Youth and Community Centre

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 20/04/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Legacies	3	33,150	120,342	153,492	155,011
Charitable activities	4	40,373	-	40,373	34,312
Other trading activities	5	-	2,895	2,895	1,076
Total		<u>73,522</u>	<u>123,237</u>	<u>196,759</u>	<u>190,400</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	92,055	103,893	195,948	160,258
Total		<u>92,055</u>	<u>103,893</u>	<u>195,948</u>	<u>160,258</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(18,533)	19,344	811	30,142
Transfers between funds		<u>(28,149)</u>	<u>28,149</u>		
Net income/(expenditure)		(46,682)	47,493	811	30,142
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>17,423</u>	<u>101,613</u>	<u>119,036</u>	<u>88,937</u>
Total funds carried forward	10	<u>(29,259)</u>	<u>149,106</u>	<u>119,847</u>	<u>119,079</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31st December 2023

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Current assets:					
Debtors	8	35,171		24,406	
Cash at bank and in hand		85,455		98,365	
Total current assets		<u>120,626</u>		<u>122,771</u>	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>779</u>		<u>225</u>	
Net current assets or liabilities			<u>119,847</u>		<u>122,547</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>119,847</u>		<u>122,547</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	11		149,106		101,613
Unrestricted funds	11	<u>(29,259)</u>		<u>17,423</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>(29,259)</u>		<u>17,423</u>
Total charity funds			<u>119,847</u>		<u>119,036</u>

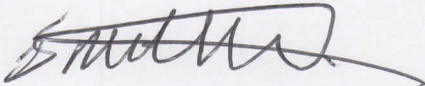
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 107(FRS 107).

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Beverley Rooney
Trustee

Date: 20/04/2026

Mrs Sonia Mottram
Trustee




The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

- a) The accounts have been prepared on the historic cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 102A) (2019) and the Charities Act 2011.
- b) Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- c) Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.
- d) All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:
 - i) Donations and legacies are received by way of grants, donations and gifts and are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
 - ii) Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
 - iii) Investment income is included when receivable.
 - iv) Incoming resources from charitable activities, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for when the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
- e) Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:
 - i) Expenditure on raising funds comprises costs associated with attracting voluntary income, including costs of trading for fundraising purposes and the use of a professional fundraiser.
 - ii) Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them including governance costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
 - iii) All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis as set out in the notes.

2 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of the goods or services on which it was charged.

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3 Income and endowments from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Awards For All-Corronation	-	2,863	2,863	-
BALLINGER	-	-	-	10,000
Christmas Toy Appeal	-	2,000	2,000	2,500
Cree Project	-	5,904	5,904	3,000
CULTURAL HUB	-	-	-	2,550
DCC BUFFET	-	84	84	-
DCC DAY TRIP	-	663	663	-
Durham CC (Summer Activity)	-	-	-	8,996
Food Bank	-	45,008	45,008	11,144
HAF CHRISTMAS	-	2,847	2,847	4,188
HAF EASTER	-	56	56	4,990
HAF MAY	-	-	-	4,000
HAF SUMMER	-	56	56	-
HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND	-	26,832	26,832	17,500
MARK PANTO	-	6,245	6,245	4,905
Mates N Baits	-	19,211	19,211	-
ME GROUP	-	-	-	282
MTVF FOOD BANK+	-	-	-	16,956
NB FLOORING	-	-	-	1,740
Pop Sales	-	548	548	-
Seaham School of Technology	-	199	199	-
Spooksville	-	-	-	3,273
Summer Camp	-	3,084	3,084	-
SUSTAINABILITY GRANT	5,650	-	5,650	15,000
Tippytoes	-	4,517	4,517	1,988
TUDOR TRUST FREE RESERVES	27,500	-	27,500	25,000
WINDOWS	-	225	225	17,000
Total	33,150	120,342	153,492	155,011

4 Income and endowments from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Room Hire	40,373	-	40,373	34,312
Pop and sweet sales	-	-	-	-
Summer Camp	-	-	-	-
Total	40,373	-	40,373	34,312

5 Income and endowments from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	2,895	2,895	1,076

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

a) Unrestricted funds

	Staff costs	Support costs	Other direct costs	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Wages	43,928	-	-	43,928	45,139
Heat, Light and Water	-	8,050	-	8,050	6,419
Telephone and Internet	-	2,237	-	2,237	2,477
Repairs and Maintenance	-	19,827	-	19,827	8,993
Activities	-	-	13,011	13,011	3,157
Payroll bureau and accountancy costs	-	4,192	-	4,192	756
Bank fees	-	229	-	229	240
Independent Examiner's fee	-	550	-	550	550
Miscellaneous expenses	-	31	-	31	128
Total resources expended	43,928	35,116	13,011	92,055	67,859

The Independent Examiner's firm provides the payroll bureau services and occasional accountancy services to the charity.

b) Restricted funds

	Staff costs	Support costs	Other direct costs	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Activities	-	-	69,855	69,855	41,983
Food bank expenses	-	5,889	-	5,889	1,498
Wages and salaries	28,149	-	-	28,149	44,531
Total resources expended	28,149	5,889	69,855	103,893	88,012

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7 Trustee and employee information

- a) Trustee information

No trustee received remuneration or was reimbursed expenses during the year.
- b) Employee Information

The average number of employees was 5.

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the period.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Project Manager	1.0	1.0
Project Workers	4.0	4.0
	<u>5.0</u>	<u>5.0</u>

Employee costs during the period were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries	72,078	73,959
Social Security	-	-
Pension Contributions	1,087	1,026
	<u>73,165</u>	<u>74,985</u>

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	35,171	24,406
	<u>35,171</u>	<u>24,406</u>

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxes and social security	2,393	747
Other creditors and accruals	- 1,613	- 522
	<u>779</u>	<u>225</u>

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 10 Reserves

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Awards For All-Corronation	2,863	-		-	2,863
Big Art Project	-	3,080	2,348	-	732
CCTV	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Cree Project	2,904	3,000	-	-	5,904
CULTURAL HUB	-	3,650	3,650	-	-
DCC BUFFET		500	417	-	84
DCC DAY TRIP	-	1,998	1,335	-	663
DCC SIGNAGE/FENCE	-	2,456	-	-	2,456
DCC Summer Activity	270	-	270	-	-
Food Bank	36,643	9,718	1,352	-	45,008
HAF CHRISTMAS	698	5,969	3,819	-	2,847
HAF EASTER	-	4,992	4,935	-	56
HAF MAY	436	-	436	-	-
HAF SUMMER	667	-	611	-	56
Haff Fund	881	-	881	-	-
HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND	2,736	31,387	7,880	-	26,243
Mark Panto	5,816	5,870	5,441	-	6,245
Mates N Baits	2,857	19,912	3,558	-	19,211
MTVF FOOD BANK	14,516	-	5,889	-	8,627
NB Toy Appeal	-	3,000	1,000	-	2,000
Pop Sales	548	-	-	-	548
Seaham School of Technology	199	-	-	-	199
Summer Camp	1,479	12,171	10,567	-	3,084
Tippytoes	4,895	542	920	-	4,517
WINDOWS	12,500	5,000	17,275	-	225
	<u>90,908</u>	<u>114,244</u>	<u>73,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,568</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	14,119	96,859	110,714	-	264
	<u>14,119</u>	<u>96,859</u>	<u>110,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>264</u>
	<u>105,027</u>	<u>211,103</u>	<u>184,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,832</u>

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2024 £	2023 £
Restricted funds		
Current assets	149,106	101,655
Unrestricted funds		
Current assets	- 29,259	17,423
	<u>119,847</u>	<u>119,079</u>

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12 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities by fund type

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	2023
			£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and Legacies	40,295	114,717	155,011
Charitable activities	34,312	-	34,312
Other trading activities	-	1,076	1,076
Total	74,606	115,793	190,400
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	67,859	92,399	160,258
Total	67,859	92,399	160,258
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	6,748	23,394	30,142

13 **Related Parties**
The charity does not have any related parties.

14 **Controlling Parties**
The charity is controlled by the trustees.

15 **Other information**
The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales, which has its registered office at Dawdon Community Centre, Queen Alexandra Road, Dawdon, Seaham, Co. Durham, SR7 7NH.