

Whitewell Bottom Community Centre (CIO)

Charity Number 1178687

Chair's Report to 2023/24 AGM

Meeting of 20th May, 2024 at Whitewell Bottom Community Centre.

2023 was a test of resilience for the families we support, and of Community centre itself. Having been pushed to our limits during the pandemic, families have been faced with the cost-of-living crisis and ever-increasing energy bills that tested them even further. We did have a slight price increase on room rental to cover the increases, however, we still remain to be a competitive supplier of space. Throughout this time, we have consistently been there to offer our embryonic services to meet the needs of our community whilst keeping costs down that are manageable to the groups using the centre to provide sustainability and retain attendances. 2023 was a very productive year for the centre and our groups continue to provide a service to our community.

The Centre continues to be managed by Robyn with the help of some dedicated volunteers. The Trustees meet at the centre every month and are Tracy Cuthbertson, Julie Adshead, Jackie Oakes, Carmen Carlton, Chris Thomas, John Dawson, Klair Ward, Dave Easton and Amanda Robertson.

Some of my personal highlights from our activity this year include the Easter egg hunt and Coronation celebrations in May. We also continue to provide community engagement and programmes that reduces loneliness and improve health and wellbeing through our groups, such as Board Games Mornings, Seated exercise, Make do and Mend, Soup Socials on the 2nd Wednesday every month and the Kidz club restarted in the summer, thanks to John.

Other group users of the centre include Choir, Line Dancing, Karate, RDM Band training, Zumba, Keep fit, MMA, to name a few. We also continue to host Emerging Futures, Slime for Fun, East Lancashire Downs Syndrome, Alcoholics Anonymous, Guided Walks and we now have 2 football teams, Waterfoot Wanderers and Bacup Football club making good use of the football field and helping us to maintain the pitch. The pre-school still plays a prominent part in the centre and is doing well.

We continue to raise funds through events, such as the Christmas one that raised £500, and have been successful in our grant funding applications. Last year we discussed the possibility of a grant for solar panels, and we are proud to be starting work on the project this week. We have had a new hall door fitted and our clothes and school uniform recycling scheme has been warmly welcomed.

Our success is directly linked to the hard work of our team. We have made extraordinary progress this year, and I'd like to personally thank every team member for their energy, commitment and consistency in driving the centre forward. I look forward to continuing to break barriers in 2024 with you all.

Tracy Cuthbertson
Chair of Trustees



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitewell Bottom Community Centre CIO

No (if any)
1178687

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Room Hire	26,931	-	-	26,931	22,274
Grants/Sponsorship	9,930	-	-	9,930	13,385
Fundraising/Donations	5,095	-	-	5,095	8,302
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,955	-	-	41,955	43,961
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,955	-	-	41,955	43,961
A3 Payments					
Wage costs	10,227	-	-	10,227	9,638
Refreshments	338	-	-	338	94
Stationery, Postage, Tel/Int	1,553	-	-	1,553	1,205
Insurance	776	-	-	776	2,492
Repairs and cleaning	9,276	-	-	9,276	15,235
Equipment	237	-	-	237	187
Sundry	529	-	-	529	527
Social Events/Fundraising	7,595	-	-	7,595	5,253
Water	3,224	-	-	3,224	1,465
Heat and Light	13,850	-	-	13,850	6,322
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,605	-	-	47,605	39,487
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,605	-	-	47,605	39,487
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,649	-	-	- 5,649	4,474
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,484	-	-	18,484	14,010
Cash funds this year end	12,834	-	-	12,834	18,484

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank - Treasurers Account	12,830	-	-
	Petty Cash	4	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	12,834	-	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



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WHITEWELL BOTTOM COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO, WHITEWELL BOTTOM, ROSSENDALE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Whitewell Bottom Community Centre, Whitewell Bottom, Rossendale.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Whitewell Bottom Community Centre for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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