

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 31st December 2024



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Whitewell Bottom Community centre CIO charity no.1178687

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name of Charity: Whitewell Bottom Community Centre CIO

Registered Number: 1178687

Governing Document

Official Address: Whitewell Bottom Community Centre, Burnley Road East, Rossendale BB4 7

Charitable Objects

Our charity's objectives, as laid out in the governing document are:

To Further or benefit the residents of Whitewell Bottom and surrounding neighbourhoods, without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, race of of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents 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 of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Our vision is to provide a warm, welcoming building for the use of residents and to encourage people of all ages to join together for activities and social interaction.

The building was built by Lancashire County Council as a youth and community centre and opened in 1986.

The Whitewell Bottom Community Association was constituted in 1988 and became a registered charity soon after.

IN 2018 a new constitution of Whitewell Bottom Community Centre CIO was approved in May and the new charity was signed in June 2018

In September a lease was signed with LCC for 120 years at a peppercorn rent.

Names of Trustees 2024

Tracy Cuthbertson-chair

Jackie Oakes-vice-chair

Amanda Robertson-treasurer

Julie Adshead-secretary
Chris Thomas
Carmen Carlton
John Dawson
Klair Ward
Dave Easton

Basis for appointing Trustees

New or replacement Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. There must be a minimum of three (3) Trustees but not subject to any maximum.

Reporting serious incidents (RSI)

The trustees confirm that during the period covered in this annual report the charity did not experience any serious incidents or other matters that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

The trustees believe they have complied with their duty to ensure that the charity has worked for the public benefit. Unless reported in Related Party Transactions at the end of this report all officers and management team members give their time and services for free.

Amanda Robertson and Robyn Daodu are responsible for maintaining the accounts, which are not audited.

Bankers

Our bankers are:
Nat West

Independent Examiner

Our Independent Examiner is Mr Martyn Urquart

Reserves Policy

The charity confirms that all funds are to be used for the on-going work. It is our policy to 1

Public Benefit



Policies of the Charity

Policies

The Charity works to policy statements that deal with: -

Banking
Complaints
Computer use
Confidentiality
Conflict of interest
Disciplinary
Disclosure
Environment
Equal Opportunities
Equality
Finance
Health & Safety
GDPR
Political parties
Pricing policy
Reserves
Safeguarding
Staff & Volunteers
Volunteers
`Vulnerable adults
Whistleblowing

Chair's report

The Trustees would like to thank our staff and volunteers for all their hard work. Particularly we would like to Robyn Daodu for her tireless work looking after the building and all who use it.

Volunteers



104.7fm
ROSSENDALE RADIO
the voice of the valley
w.rossendaleradio.com
@RossendaleRadio
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Groups who use the centre.

Rossendale Drum Majorettes

Are a vibrant community –based performance group in Rossendale. Established in May 2018, they specialize in marching band performances, baton twirling, pom-pom cheerleading, flag waving and ceremonial mace displays. Our troupe consists of 22 members ranging from 6 years old to adults, welcoming individuals of all abilities and backgrounds.

Rather than competing, we focus on teamwork, skill-building and community engagement, performing at carnivals, fairs, private events and fundraisers across the north of England. Our mission is to foster friendships, encourage personal growth and bring people together through the joy of performance.

Walking group

The walking group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. We have a core of five members, but it is open to everyone.

The walks last about one hour to an hour and a half.

We try to keep the walks accessible to everyone, though it is advisable to wear the correct footwear and clothing.

We try to keep the walks fun and a friendly experience for all.

Dogs are welcome, but whilst on the walk they must be kept under appropriate control and are the responsibility of the owner.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Dave and Suzanne (walk leaders)

Emerging Futures CIC

We have been using room space at Whitewell Bottom Community Centre for a number of years. We deliver our therapeutic programme, Live and Thrive, three days a week for groups of people in recovery from substance abuse. All participants are first stage residents at Glen Valley Recovery Home, Waterfoot. The centre provides the perfect therapeutic environment for our group.

The facilities are excellent, the staff are even more excellent and the Monday morning bacon butties are the most excellent of all!

Steve

Re-cycle, re-use, re-purpose

Coming to the centre I have made some good friends that have helped me get through my disability.

I make sure the entrance to the centre is welcoming for everyone to have a good look at our donations that everyone has kindly donated to the centre. Feel free to

help yourself to anything that catches your eye. All donations are very appreciated. Thank you to all that have donated. You have helped a lot of people out. Many thanks for everything.
Emma

Games morning – Friday 10 to 12

We are a small, friendly group. New members are always welcome. We have new games to be played. Come and join us, Everyone is welcome.
Angela

Make do and mend – Thursdays 12 to 3pm

We have a brilliant group of people who are guided by Penny, a retired seamstress. You can come for a natter and a brew or you can bring something that needs mending. We also have projects that we make to sell to raise funds for the community centre. We have sewing machines that you can learn to use and knitters /crocheters are welcome. Felters also welcome.

Seated exercise Wednesdays 11 to 12

This is a brilliant way to sit down and exercise every part of your body including your brain. We are a group of people led by Diana, who makes all the stretches and bends great fun and we have been known to play seated badminton with large beach balls – great fun. She brings different equipment every week.

Zumba for fitness Thursdays 6.30- 7.30pm

Celebrating four years at the centre, fun and friendly classes that bring a smile back to your workouts. No need to book, just turn up and shimmy!
@zumbafitwithcat.

Breakfast club. Mondays 9-11

We provide bacon butties and toast and a brew. Free but donations are welcome. There is lots of chat and good company- it sets you up for the week. Our volunteer cook, Gill is new to the valley and loves to meet new people and has

made some good friends. We are joined once a month, when available, by our friendly neighbourhood PCSO for a catch-up.

Environmental initiatives

We encourage everyone who uses the centre to re-cycle their rubbish.

We have an amazing entrance to the building which encourages all to bring things they no longer want so that others can use them. We have been given some fantastic clothes, some never been worn, shoes, games, children's equipment, kitchen pots and pans.

We have always had books and jigsaws that can be taken home and we welcome books you're already read.

We have recently acquired a water butt that is fed from the gutters to save water for our plants.

We have the outside garden which produces vegetables and some fruit trees.

We had solar panels and a battery installed this year, thanks to grants, that are saving us around £100 a year.

Finance report

Grants received

Our income is derived from hiring our rooms, the activities run by the centre ie Soup socials, Christmas and





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitewell Bottom Community Centre CIO

No (if any)
1178687

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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	24,354	-	-	24,354	26,931
Grants/Sponsorship	42,763	-	-	42,763	9,930
Fundraising/Donations	6,617	-	-	6,617	5,095
Bank interest	282	-	-	282	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	74,016	-	-	74,016	41,955
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	74,016	-	-	74,016	41,955
A3 Payments					
Wage costs	11,323	-	-	11,323	10,227
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	338
Stationery, Postage, Tel/Int	1,360	-	-	1,360	1,553
Insurance	2,005	-	-	2,005	776
Repairs and cleaning	11,953	-	-	11,953	9,276
Solar installation	21,120	-	-	21,120	-
Equipment	140	-	-	140	237
Sundry	1,298	-	-	1,298	529
Social Events/Fundraising	2,668	-	-	2,668	7,595
Water	3,567	-	-	3,567	3,224
Heat and Light	8,099	-	-	8,099	13,850
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	63,533	-	-	63,533	47,605
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	63,533	-	-	63,533	47,605
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,483	-	-	10,483	- 5,649
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,834	-	-	12,834	18,484
Cash funds this year end	23,317	-	-	23,317	12,834

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	13,013	-	-
	Bank - Liquidity Account	10,282	-	-
	Petty Cash	22	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,317	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	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	



LUMB ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

Chartered Certified Accountants

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 2024.

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.

Martin Urquhart FCCA
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