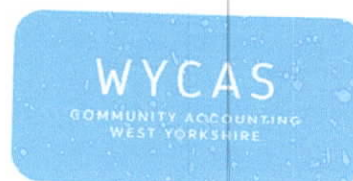


Thornton Village Community Centre

Charity number 1184543

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2023



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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 5 April 2023

Achievements and performance (continued)

The general appearance of the Centre has been improved considerably and we are getting lots of good feedback from users. This has been another good year for Thornton Community Centre. We have employed a Centre Manager to take over the day to day running of the centre, leaving the Committee free to plan a future strategy. We continue to working hard on securing the CAT transfer to enable us to make alterations to the building that will build resilience, and are very hopeful that on the next Trustees' report we will have secured a lease.

We have already fitted a new boiler and are looking forward to the Solar Panels being fitted shortly. This will mean that our reserves will start to fall and, at the end of next financial year, we will monitor this closely.

Volunteers are an important resource for our centre. Volunteers get involved in most of our organised events and projects. We have over 20 regular volunteers who give their time regularly and we encourage local community residents to get involved and share their skills with others. We have planned a series of events.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £27,412, including net payments of £31,051 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £3,639 on restricted funds after transfers.

The charity's main source of income is through rental agreements with our 14 groups and through funding applications from various sources.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £44,504.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. Our policy is to hold enough funds to meet 6 months' operating costs, and we estimate we need just over £21,000 in reserves. We continue to upgrade the centre with new lighting, decorating and general upkeep. We currently spend around £4,000 a year on these projects. We do intend to maintain our existing range of community activities and long term want to expand and open either a coffee shop or café, so we can become self-sustaining and not rely on funding all the time to keep us going.

Approved by the board of trustees on21/21/24.....

Signed: F.R. Soames (Trustee)

Name: F.R. Soames

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Trustees' report for the year ended 5 April 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Sharon Bewes	Treasurer	
Frances Soames	Chair	Appointed 1 September 2023
Immanuel McKenzie		Appointed 1 September 2023
Rebecca Warden		Resigned 1 September 2023
Lisa Singleton		Resigned 17 September 2023
Charity number	1184543	Registered in England and Wales
Registered and principal address	Bankers	
Thornton Community Centre	Barclays Bank	
50 Market Street	10 Market Street	
Thornton	Bradford	
Bradford	BD1 1EG	
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Independent examiner

Alan Dodd FCCA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 23 July 2019 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 5 April 2023

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To further or benefit the residents of Thornton, Bradford, West Yorkshire and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or 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, health and fitness, welfare and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

The charity's main activities

The charity carries out a wide range of activities which the trustees consider how they can provide a benefit to both residents in Thornton and surrounding areas who attend the centre or the various groups that we partner with in the village of Thornton and beyond.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of education, health and community development.

Achievements and performance

Our main community hall provides a wide variety of regular classes ranging from exercise to art clubs. Our hall and meeting rooms are available for use by local groups and organisations. This year we have continued with our contract with a counselling group, who train people to become counsellors. This provides vital revenue; however as they use the entire building it does restrict other use and we are looking for ways to get round this. We continue to host surgeries with local councillors, and have become a Police contact point. We continue to hire out rooms for birthday parties and events. We are currently reviewing the room hire rent and pricing policy. We have increased from 9 to 14 regular groups holding classes at the centre. Our award-winning library continues to be run by volunteers through the local central library service. We have completed our HAF project but have continued with our monthly family cook sessions, funded from savings. The Youth service has started a sound youth group, for LGBT+ young people from the centre.

We are recruiting new trustees, particularly looking at encouraging younger people to join. Initially new trustees will work under an existing trustee on activities and projects run by the charity; after satisfactory feedback from existing trustees they are then given lead on future tasks and projects, reporting progress at trustee meetings.

We have appointed a risk manager for the charity and they identify the major risks by each activity and project. These are reviewed at each meeting if necessary and filed with copies available in our site office and online. We have all the relevant insurance and annual certificates regarding the centre which are reviewed yearly. Our main goal is to keep the community centre going forward use of future generations, who have not until recently been able to use these facilities as the building has been underutilised for years.

We continue to host the Community Payback team twice per week, we are looking at new and innovative ways that this resource can be used to benefit the local area.B27:B35

Facebook – reach increased.

Website – we are aware that our website needs updating and are starting to address this.

Thornton Village Community Centre

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thornton Village Community Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 5 April 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 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.

Signed: 

Name: Alan Dodd FCCA

3/2/2024

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Thornton Village Community Centre
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 5 April 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	3,342	17,000	20,342	53,267
Room hire		17,604	-	17,604	22,171
Fundraising		3,589	-	3,589	3,107
Bank interest		83	-	83	3
Other income		513	-	513	688
Total receipts		<u>25,131</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>42,131</u>	<u>79,236</u>
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		9,033	-	9,033	-
Cleaning		7,143	-	7,143	6,336
Utilities		5,049	1,056	6,105	4,112
Repairs and maintenance		3,286	11,914	15,200	10,542
Food and refreshments		599	314	913	2,350
Central heating system including boilers		25,823	-	25,823	-
Project expenses		2,747	77	2,824	17,518
Rates		-	-	-	417
Licences		239	-	239	132
Office		603	-	603	106
Sunday cinema		749	-	749	600
Hanging baskets		42	-	42	793
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	250
Room hire		54	-	54	174
Office equipment		-	-	-	156
Insurance		473	-	473	-
Advertising		342	-	342	-
Total payments		<u>56,182</u>	<u>13,361</u>	<u>69,543</u>	<u>43,486</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(31,051)</u>	<u>3,639</u>	<u>(27,412)</u>	<u>35,750</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>75,555</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>83,555</u>	<u>47,805</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>44,504</u>	<u>11,639</u>	<u>56,143</u>	<u>83,555</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 5 April 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	44,504	11,639	56,143	83,555
Total cash funds	<u>44,504</u>	<u>11,639</u>	<u>56,143</u>	<u>83,555</u>

Debtors and prepayments

	2023
	£
Prepayments	1,552
	<u>1,552</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Central heating system

Liabilities

	2023
	£
Accruals	792
	<u>792</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 2/2/24

Signed: F. R. Soames (Trustee)

Name: F. R. Soames

Thornton Village Community Centre

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 5 April 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Thornton Village Community Centre
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 5 April 2023

2 Grants and donations

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
City of Bradford Met. Dist. Council (CBMDC)	3,000	15,000	18,000	50,947
Bradford VCS Alliance	-	2,000	2,000	1,500
Other donations	342	-	342	820
	<u>3,342</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>20,342</u>	<u>53,267</u>

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Building grant	-	12,500	11,914	-	586
Get up and Dance	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
Warm Spaces	-	2,000	1,447	-	553
Community Chest	-	500	-	-	500
Climate Action grant	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>13,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,639</u>

Fund name

Building grant
 Get up and Dance
 Warm Spaces
 Community Chest
 Climate Action grant

Purpose of restriction

To update the electrical system and make the centre more accessible.
 Dance classes.
 To provide access to a safe, friendly warm space with refreshments.
 To purchase chairs for the centre.
 To purchase and install solar panels in the community centre.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

			2023	2022
			£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction		
Rebecca Warden	Trustee (to 1.9.23)	Cleaning services	864	-
			<u>864</u>	<u>-</u>