

BLAYDON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No. 1186251

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO
Members of the Management Committee
and Professional Advisors
For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Management Committee have pleasure in presenting their report and the un-audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity No	1186251
Principal Office	Blaydon Youth and Community Centre Shibdon Road Blaydon Tyne & Wear NE21 5QE
Accountant	Mark Thompson MAAT 42 Lesbury Road Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5LB
Bankers	Lloyds Front Street Whickham NE21 5QE
Trustees	Maria Hall Victor Connaughton Dorothy Burnett

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO – Trustee Annual Report 2024

Who We Are

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO (BYCC) has been a cornerstone of the Blaydon community since 1957. Operating the Blaydon Youth and Community Centre since 2014 and becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2019, our mission remains clear — ‘To be an enabling hub for the Blaydon community, promoting quality activities and services that enhance local people’s physical, social, economic and emotional wellbeing.’

Our centre provides a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space for residents to socialise, learn, and stay healthy. With a vibrant café and social area, multi-purpose rooms, a large sports hall, and an outdoor sensory garden, BYCC offers affordable access to activities and services for everyone — from babies to older adults, including neurodiverse and disabled people.

In 2023 we successfully relocated our childcare provision to the Blaydon Winlaton Family Hub, allowing us to expand capacity, reduce waiting lists, and better support local families.

Our beneficiaries primarily come from areas ranked among the 10–30% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally (IMD, 2019). We are proud that our doors remain open to everyone, whatever their background or circumstance.

Our Purpose and Values

Charitable Objects:

To benefit the residents of Blaydon and surrounding wards of Gateshead by advancing education and providing facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of social welfare, improving quality of life for all.

Vision:

To inspire and achieve ‘Healthy Hearts and Minds’ across Blaydon, Winlaton and surrounding communities.

Mission:

To manage our Centre and childcare provision efficiently, delivering affordable, accessible, and enjoyable opportunities for all ages.

Our Values:

Welcoming • Accessible • Affordable • Enjoyable • Environmental

Our Impact in 2024

2024 was a year of growth, renewal and reconnection. Building on progress made in 2023, we saw more residents engage in activities, events and partnerships that improved health, confidence and community spirit.

1. Giving Children the Best Start

Our OFSTED-registered childcare continues to thrive at the Blaydon Winlaton Family Hub, providing places for around 32 children aged 2–4. Children enjoyed trips to the Centre for Life, Saltwell Park, and Bill Quay Farm, alongside rich learning activities in creative arts, sport and outdoor play.

Our Breakfast Club at a local primary school now supports an average of 12 children per day — rising steadily since the pandemic — and aims to reach 16 by 2025. The After-School Club regularly engages more than 20 children aged 4–11 each evening, with fun and developmental activities such as arts, sport and cooking.

In 2025, we plan to expand provision with a new room for children aged 0–2, helping more local families access affordable, high-quality childcare.

Thanks to a significant Youth Investment Fund grant, we also refurbished our youth spaces with new flooring, lighting, windows and upgraded facilities. Two new youth workers now deliver open access and targeted sessions five evenings per week, engaging over 100 young people weekly.

2. Supporting Adults to Stay Active and Connected

Our health and wellbeing programme continues to flourish, especially among older residents. Weekly Over-50s Walking Football, Walk and Talk, Zumba Gold, and Soup & Social sessions reduce isolation and keep people physically and mentally well. Over 100 older adults participate each week, supported by partnerships with Gateshead FC Foundation, Tyne Valley Health & Wellbeing, the NHS, and others.

"After my husband passed away, joining the walking group was the best decision I made. I've made friends, had outings and even went on holiday – something I never thought would happen." – Margaret, participant

3. Building Community Spirit

Our centre remains a vibrant meeting point for local life. The Christmas Market welcomed over 650 visitors and 32 stalls, creating a festive, inclusive celebration. Family Wrestling Events in partnership with Pro Wrestling Zenith attracted more than 500 attendees. Regular hire by groups such as NHS Mental Health Services, First Aid North East and Ability Sport & Social NE ensures year-round activity.

We also continued our Warm Space and Community Café, offering affordable meals, friendly conversation, and support during the cost-of-living crisis. The café maintained its 5-star hygiene rating and introduced more healthy, fresh, and budget-friendly options. Young people also took part in 'Cooking on a Budget' sessions as part of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, learning practical skills for healthy living.

"We use the Centre every day — it's a lifesaver, especially when things are tough. There's always something positive happening." – Martin, community member

Our Partners and Supporters

None of this would be possible without our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and funders. We thank: The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities), The Youth Investment Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation, The Ballinger Charitable Trust, Community Foundation North East, Postcode Community Trust, Carr-Ellison Charitable Trust, Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner, Gateshead Council, and The Netherton Trust.

We are deeply appreciative of the diverse mix of project, capital and core funding that has sustained and strengthened our work in 2024. Project and activity funding has enabled us to expand our offer through initiatives such as Youth Clubs, Holiday Activity and Food programmes, and our inclusive Warm Space provision. Capital investment from The Youth Investment Fund transformed our Centre with new energy-efficient LED lighting, flooring, windows and doors — creating a more sustainable, cost-efficient and welcoming environment for young people and the wider community. Core funding from valued supporters including Garfield Weston Foundation, The Ballinger Trust, Postcode Community Trust and Carr-Ellison Charitable Trust has allowed us to sustain vital services, adapt to rising costs, and continue growing our impact.

We were also thrilled to receive three-year funding from The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities) at the end of 2024. This investment will increase our capacity through the appointment of an Operations & Programmes Manager and reduce barriers to participation by funding an electric minibus — enabling us to reach even more residents across Blaydon and surrounding areas.

Together, these investments give BYCC the stability, creativity and confidence to keep delivering life-changing opportunities in our community.

Looking Ahead: 2025–2027

Trustees, staff and volunteers remain committed to strengthening governance, maximising public benefit, and deepening our community impact. Our goals are to engage 20,000 people annually (up from 4,000 in 2023), maintain GOOD or higher quality childcare and youth provision, ensure 80% of beneficiaries report improved health and wellbeing, pilot new outreach projects across neighbouring communities, and continue achieving excellence in governance, partnership and sustainability.

Conclusion

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO continues to be a trusted, inclusive and forward-looking community anchor. We are proud of the difference we make each day — helping local people to connect, grow, and thrive together. With strong governance, an experienced team, and the ongoing support of our community and partners, we look forward to another year of building Healthy Hearts and Minds in Blaydon and beyond.

Financial Review and Governance

Financial Overview

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO (BYCC) operates on a not-for-profit basis, ensuring that every pound received directly benefits the local community. Any surplus generated is reinvested into our Reserves, Building and Maintenance Fund, or Childcare Contingency Fund, to safeguard the Centre's long-term sustainability and cover essential costs such as building repairs, vehicle replacement, and—if ever required—the responsible winding-up of the charity.

The 2024 accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Trustees have carefully reviewed budgets, future cashflows, and available resources and are confident that the organisation is well-placed to continue operating effectively in the years ahead. At each Board meeting, Trustees receive detailed financial and funding reports, monitor cashflow, and review grant income to ensure strong governance and accountability. BYCC remains extremely appreciative of all funders and partners whose continued generosity makes our work possible.

Reserves Policy

Trustees have reviewed the charity's financial risks and established a reserves policy designed to protect BYCC's operations in uncertain times. The policy aims to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to six months of operating costs to ensure stability in the event of unforeseen circumstances or funding delays.

As of December 2024, BYCC held £156,821 in reserves, representing approximately four and a half months of running costs. Trustees are committed to rebuilding reserves to the full six-month target through careful budgeting and planned operational surpluses in 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

BYCC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its Constitution in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. Strategic leadership and oversight are provided by the Board of Trustees, with day-to-day operations delegated to the staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer.

Trustees

Trustees are elected or co-opted under the terms of the Constitution, bringing a diverse range of professional and community expertise — including representation from local government, education, youth work, and community development. All new Trustees receive a full induction to ensure they understand their legal duties and the charity's operations.

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly assess the major risks facing the charity, including financial, operational, and compliance risks. Appropriate controls and systems are in place to mitigate these, and risk management is a standing item at Board level. The Trustees are satisfied that measures remain robust and proportionate.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing this Annual Report and the accompanying financial statements in line with UK law and accounting standards (Charities SORP). They must ensure that the accounts:

- Give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities;
- Are prepared using suitable accounting policies applied consistently;
- Follow the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Companies Act 2006 principles; and
- Are based on a going concern assumption unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Trustees are also responsible for maintaining accurate financial records, safeguarding the charity's assets, and ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation. They take seriously their duty to prevent and detect fraud, protect public funds, and maintain transparency in all aspects of financial reporting.

In summary, BYCC remains in a stable financial position, with prudent reserves, strong oversight, and a clear commitment to sustainable growth. Trustees continue to monitor the financial environment closely and ensure that all decisions uphold the charity's long-term interests and its ability to serve the Blaydon community effectively.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

.....*G. Marr*..... (ceo).....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO

On accounts for
the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no **1186251**

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

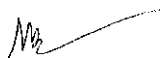
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 10 October 2025

Name:
Address:

Mark Thompson MAAT
42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO
Statement Of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Incoming Resources	Notes				
Voluntary Income	2		262902	262902	77969
Room Hire		86048		86048	57028
Canteen & Catering		56072		56072	42423
Investment Income	4	721		721	535
Project Income	3	193684		193684	161131
Party Bookings		6421		6421	5244
Total Incoming Resources		342946	262902	605848	344330
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Projects & Activities (See notes)	5	21134	25861	46995	33254
Canteen		18855		18855	12622
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance & Premises	6	13661	132052	145713	30014
Salary Costs	8	183574	79451	263025	210602
Training				0	589
Administration	7	22104		22104	18820
Depreciation	9	2964		2964	4084
Total Resources Expended		262292	237364	499656	309985
Net income (expenditure) for the year		80654	25538	106192	34345
Net Movement Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Total Funds as at 1 January 2024		246127	0	246127	211782
Total Funds as at 31 December 2024		326781	25538	352319	246127

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	9	35373	14022
Currents Assets			
Debtors		36475	
Cash at bank and in hand		344755	270271
Current Liabilities	10	64284	38166
Net Current Assets		316946	232105
Net Assets		352319	246127
Funds	11		
Restricted Funds		25538	0
General Funds		156281	104627
Designated Funds		170500	141500
		<u>352319</u>	<u>246127</u>

Approved by the Committee on 24.10.25

and signed on their behalf:

CjMar (CEO)

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements 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 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Blaydon Youth Club meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Grant receivable and local authority fees

Grants received are accounted for on a receivable basis and credited to income. Any grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in those accounting periods.

1.3 Donations & Other Income

All income is accounted for when it is received.

1.4 Funds

Restricted funds comprise funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors and funders. The purpose and uses of the restricted reserves are set out in note 12 to the accounts. Unrestricted funds comprise funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Management Committee.

1.5 Expenditure

All is included on the accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer Equipment	33% on a reducing balance basis
Fixtures & Fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% on a reducing balance basis

1.7 Charity Registration

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO was registered with the Charity Commission in November 2019. Assets were transferred from the previous charity Blaydon Youth Club, which had the charity registration number 520735.

2 Grant Income

			Amount for
	Received	Defer to 2025	2024
Grants Received			
Community Foundation (Carr-Ellison)	1000	90	910
Community Foundation (Cost of Living)	1666		1666
Community Foundation (EMR Brighter Futures)	18500		18500
Community Foundation (Playscheme)	7921		7921
Community Foundation (Akzo Noble & Winter Family Trust)	2965	2965	0
Community Foundation (Community Chest)	10000	2500	7500
Netherton Park Trust	7500		7500
Ballinger Trust	15000	7500	7500
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities)	18390	16723	1667
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities - Mini Bus)	27450		27450
Peoples Postcode Lottery	10000	7500	2500
Garfield Weston Foundation	25000	16660	8340
Gateshead Council Christmas HAF	8000		8000
Gateshead Council Easter HAF Programme	7648		7648
Gateshead Council Wam Spaces	2500		2500
Gateshead Council Summer HAF Programme	7923		7923
Gateshead Council Summer VCSE Fund	4439		4439
Northumbria PCC	2052	2052	0
Sport England	5000		5000
Youth Investment Fund	138706	2768	135938
Total Grants Received	321660	58758	262902
3 Project Income			
After School & Breakfast Clubs	193684		
	193684		
4 Investment Income			
Bank Interest Receivable	721		
5 Other Activities			
Minibus	6128		
Events & External Provider Costs	35682		
Childcare Costs	5185		
	46995		
6 Maintenance & Premises			
Electricity, Gas and Water	23318		
Equipment, Maintenance & Repairs	118530		
Cleaning Materials & Cleaning	3865		
	145713		
7 Administration			
Insurance	4872		
Telephone & Broadband	2474		
Licences, IT Support & DBS	2806		
Legal & HR	6791		
Accountancy	730		
Payroll	909		
Travel Costs	231		
Other General Admin	6291		
	25104		

8 Employees	
Salary Costs	263425
Total Employee Costs	263425

The average no. of employees was **14** for the year.

No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	2024 Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	38962	2824	37141	78927
Additions			25518	25518
Disposals				
At 31 December 2024	38962	2824	62659	104445
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	28127	2824	33954	64905
Charge for the year	2167		797	2964
Disposals				
At 31 December 2024	30294	2824	34751	67869
Net Book Value 31 December 2024	8668	0	27908	36576
Net Book Value 31 December 2023	10835	0	3187	14022

10 Current Debtors

National Lottery Fund (Reaching Communities)	27450
Sundry Debtors	5475
Total Current Debtors	32925

10 Current Liabilities

Deferred Grants (see Note 2)	58758
HMRC PAYE & NI for December 2024	5526
	64284

11 Fund Year End Balances

Restricted Funds	Balance Jan-24	Income	Expend	Balance Dec-24
Community Foundation (Carr-Ellison)		910	910	0
Community Foundation (Cost of Living)		1666	1666	0
Community Foundation (EMR Brighter Futures)		18500	18500	0
Community Foundation (Playscheme)		7921	7921	0
Community Foundation (Community Chest)		7500	7500	0
Netherton Park Trust		7500	7500	0
Ballinger Trust		7500	7500	0
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities)		1667	1667	0
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities - Mini Bus)		27450	1912	25538
Peoples Postcode Lottery		2500	2500	0
Garfield Weston Foundation		8340	8340	0
Gateshead Council Christmas HAF		8000	8000	0
Gateshead Council Easter HAF Programme		7648	7648	0
Gateshead Council Warm Spaces		2500	2500	0
Gateshead Council Summer HAF Programme		7923	7923	0
Gateshead Council Summer VCSE Fund		4439	4439	0
Sport England		5000	5000	0
Youth Investment Fund		135938	135938	0
Total		262902	237364	25538

Designated Funds	Balance Dec-24
Legal Liability Fund	£55,500
Asset (Building & Vehicle) Contingency Fund	£85,000
Childcare Operations Contingency Fund	£30,000
Total	£170,500

During the year the Designated Funds were reviewed and updated:

Legal Liability Fund £55,500
(To deal with any potential costs around closure or partial closure)

Asset (Building & Vehicle) Contingency Fund £85,000
(To deal with any potential costs around maintenance and upkeep of those assets)

Childcare Operations Contingency Fund £30,000
(To ensure we can deliver on-going quality childcare)

General Reserves

We aim to have between three and six months running costs in General Reserve, as recommended by the Charity Commission.

In 2024, our General Reserve amount represented four months running costs.

