

Fawdon and Coxlodge Together

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Number: 1187736

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The trustees of the charity present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number: 1187736

The principal office of the CIO is in England at 3 Bloomsbury Court, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 4LW

TRUSTEES

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Thea Ravasi (Chairperson)

David Alan Faulkner (Secretary/Treasurer)

Ann Marie Nicol

BANKERS

Barclays Bank

Percy Street

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 4QL

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the Constitution is:

To further or benefit the residents of Fawdon and Coxlodge 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 and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Fawdon and Coxlodge Together (referred to in this report as FACT) is a charity in England, registered on 4 February 2020 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), whose only voting members are its trustees. The charity is governed by its Constitution dated 6 December 2018 and amended on 21 January 2020. The Charity number is 1187736.

Since mid-2017, interested parties had been meeting informally to develop and pursue a project called “Fawdon and Coxlodge – Past Present and Future”. In late 2018 it was decided to create a constitution for the group under the name ‘Fawdon and Coxlodge Together’, trustees were appointed, and a bank account was opened in February 2019. It was then decided to apply to the Charity Commission for registration as a CIO and adopt the ‘Foundation’ model constitution.

The trustees meet periodically, sometimes together with other non-trustee members acting as advisers, to administer the charity and review strategy and future activities. The charity has no paid officers, nor any office accommodation of its own.

The charity’s financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the organisation’s Constitution and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS102).

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing FACT’s aims and objectives and in planning future activities and how they will contribute to the aims and objectives they had set.

Our major new initiative during the year was the planning of the “Fawdon and Coxlodge Greenways” project, with the aim of enhancing bio-diversity and creating a cleaner, greener neighbourhood. It’s a community-led initiative to re-wild, plant, and protect our local green spaces, many of which have been neglected. We began a public consultation and have a number of ideas to test out, but a mid-year public meeting at Fawdon Community Centre had to be cancelled because the centre’s operators went into administration. The initiative will be resumed in the year ahead.

Fawdon and Coxlodge Together continues to manage the grant funding from the Community Foundation for Tyne and Wear, and other income, on behalf of the local Friendship Choir. A regular 20-30 singers meet fortnightly at Fawdon Community Centre to enjoy the occasions. We applied for, and received, a small grant from the local authority “Small Sparks” programme which funded a new regular Saturday sing-along session, coordinated by one of our trustees.

Following the winding up of Fawdon Coxlodge District History Society, FACT - working with Fawdon Community Library - had taken on some of the role of researching and promoting the history and heritage of our local area. Two presentations were made in the year, one online and one in person.

The book that we researched and had published about the former sweet/chocolate factory Nestlé (formerly Rowntree’s) in Fawdon continues to be available through Newcastle City Library, Fawdon Community Library and the publisher Summerhill Books. Much of the funds received from sales, after distribution costs, are donated to Fawdon Community Library for its book fund.

An illustrated talk about the project was given at the annual general meeting of the Community Library in June 2024.

We gave assistance to Newcastle Community Asset Trust (NCAT), then operators of Fawdon Community Centre, to publicise their Christmas event at the centre in December 2024 without taking the major role that we had done in previous years. However, in the following year, after the demise of NCAT, we resumed the role of organiser of the event.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Trustees regularly examine the risks to which the Association is exposed. Currently, we carry a small reserve which represents about 30 per cent of unrestricted expenditure. Our fixed costs are negligible. It is our intention that we continue to organise much of our activity by working with and through other organisations in our community, or on projects that we will take forward only if grant funding is found.

APPRECIATION

The trustees wish to record their appreciation of the time given by non-trustee members of the management committee, and of the support of those organisations and individuals with whom FACT works in partnership.

DECLARATION

I declare, in my capacity of Trustee of the charity, that the trustees have approved the report above and have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

(Signature) 

(Name) David Faulkner

(Date) 12 January 2026

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		FAWDON AND COXLIDGE TOGETHER		1187736		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts						
	For the period from		01-Apr-24		To 31-Mar-25		

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					
Balance brought forward	563	557	-	1,120	3,189
Donations	200	-	-	200	-
Sale of Nestle books	842	-	-	842	592
Small Sparks grant	-	90	-	90	-
Income from choir members	-	1,888	-	1,888	1,477
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AFI)</i>	1,605	2,535	-	4,140	5,258
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	1,605	2,535	-	4,140	5,258
A3 Payments					
Choir Leader fees	-	1,045	-	1,045	810
Choir - hire of premises	-	1,080	-	1,080	810
Choir - other costs	-	70	-	70	52
Fawdon Library re Nestle books	615	-	-	615	424
Premises hire - Greenways project	50	-	-	50	-
Saturday Singalong fees	-	90	-	90	-
Wildlife Trust panels	-	-	-	-	1,800
Postage	-	-	-	-	135
Marketing	-	-	-	-	107
<i>Sub total</i>	665	2,285	-	2,950	4,138
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	665	2,285	-	2,950	4,138
<i>of receipts/(payments)</i>	940	250	-	1,190	1,120
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year ended	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year ended	940	250	-	1,190	1,120

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	Choir grant balance	-	250	-
	Bank account	940	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	940	250	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Faulkner	12.01.2026	