

# OUSEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1195661

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-08-31

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE 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. 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.

**Activities:** Ouseburn Community Centre provides a community facility for use by the general public, voluntary, statutory and commercial operators with social benefit at their core. We work in partnership with a range of providers catering to people of all ages, denominations and needs. We have a strong working relationship with Hotspur Primary School providing parents with much needed childcare after school.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,278	£60,677	-	-
2024-03-31	£53,532	£49,262	-	-
2023-03-31	£47,601	£59,243	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,773	£41,158	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Armstrong		2025-02-19
JUNE CONWAY		2021-12-16
KEVIN ANDERSON		2021-12-16

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# Accounts

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## **Ouseburn Community Centre Annual Report and Financial Statement Year End 31st March 2025**

**Charity number: 1195661 Legal Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
(C.I.O).**

### **Message from the Secretary**

I am pleased to present this year's annual report for Ouseburn Community Centre.

The past year has been one of both delivery and consolidation. The Centre has continued to provide essential services to the local community, while operating in a financial environment that remains challenging for community organisations. Rising costs, funding uncertainty, and increasing demand for services require careful financial management and clear strategic choices.

The Centre's ability to continue operating effectively is due to the commitment of our volunteers, staff, partners, and trustees, and to targeted projects such as Crossroads and Men's Pie Club, which deliver strong social value. We have also worked to broaden our funding base and strengthen partnerships to reduce reliance on any single source of income.

As Secretary, my focus has been on working closely with our Treasurer maintaining financial control while supporting the Centre's wider objectives. Support from the Reach Fund has enabled us to review our financial model, improve governance, and develop a more sustainable approach to income generation and cost management. This work is essential to ensuring the Centre remains viable in the medium and long term.

Looking ahead, the trustees are clear that financial sustainability must underpin everything we do. This will involve difficult decisions, continued fundraising effort, and a disciplined approach to budgeting, while protecting the activities that matter most to our community.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank everyone who contributes time, expertise, and resources to support the Centre's future.

Kind regards,

*Jane Conway*

Secretary

Ouseburn Community Centre

Ouseburn Community Centre is a vibrant and inclusive hub at the heart of our local community. Our core mission is to enhance the quality of life for residents; particularly those affected by social isolation, poverty, and disadvantage. We are committed to tackling inequality by responding directly to the needs and aspirations of our diverse local population.

### Our Purpose and Approach

We provide a welcoming, multi-purpose space that hosts a wide range of services, activities, and events. Our flexible model allows us to adapt and grow in line with emerging community needs, ensuring that our offer remains relevant and impactful.

### Activities and Services Delivered (Past 12 Months)

Over the past year, the Centre has hosted a variety of high-impact services and initiatives, including:

- Treehouse – After-school and school holiday provision for local children and families, operating 49 weeks per year.
- Crossroads – A specialist project supporting adults with learning disabilities and their carers - running three sessions per week across 50 weeks.
- Holiday Hunger and Activities Programme – Providing meals and engaging activities for local children during school holidays.
- Friends Action Northeast Community Arts Project
- Men’s Pie Club – Supporting men’s mental health and social connection.
- Nourish Food School who run educational cooking sessions from the Centre as well as having their head office with us and base for their staff team
- Women’s Institute – Promoting education, community and empowerment for women.
- Yoga and Meditation Classes – Promoting mental and physical well-being.
- Spanish Language Classes
- Aikido Martial Arts

We also host a wide range of partner-led activities that expand our reach and ensure services are embedded locally. By enabling specialist providers and community organisations to access our facilities, we help bring vital services closer to the people who need them most.

We are grateful to those who support our social mission by hiring space for children’s parties, dance events, consultation meetings, and community drop-in sessions.

### Our Volunteers and Partners

The Trustees would like to express heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, whose loyalty and commitment underpin all we do. We also continue our valued partnership with HC Horizons CIC, who manage the Centre's day-to-day operations and create employment and training opportunities for residents.

### Strategic Development

This year, we secured Reach funding through the Social Investment Business, which is supporting us to become investment ready. With this support, we are developing a robust business plan and long-term strategy to secure the Centre's future sustainability and growth.

### Impact and Reach

Our reach continues to expand—particularly through projects like Treehouse and Crossroads—enabling us to serve a growing number of individuals from communities of geography, interest, and identity.

In the past 12 months, we recorded over 17,000 individual beneficiary engagements. Of these:

- 36% self-identified as having a disability
- 18% identified as Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic (BAME)
- 37% were male—a notable statistic given that most community centres are more commonly accessed by women
- 36% were children and young people

These figures highlight the Centre's role as a truly inclusive space that addresses the needs of a broad and diverse community.

### Financial Stewardship

We have implemented new measures to strengthen our financial management and sustainability. Through the expertise of Solid Base Accountancy and the adaptable support of HC Horizons CIC, we are maximising the use of our space and ensuring all areas of the Centre contribute to our operational viability.

However, rising overhead costs are creating financial pressure, making it increasingly important to maximise use of the space during evenings and weekends in a creative way to support sustainability. A robust review of pricing and licensing agreements will also take place in the Spring of 2026.

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The Trustees of our C.I.O for 2024/2025

- Stephen Powers
- Kevin Anderson
- June Conway

In Summary

Ouseburn Community Centre remains a cornerstone of community life—responsive, inclusive, and future-focused. Through strong partnerships, committed volunteers, and sound strategic planning, we are creating a more connected and equitable future for the hub and all residents.



June Conway  
Secretary  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Ouseburn Community Centre**  
**Statement of Accounts 1st of April 24 – 31st March 2025**

**Charity Number: 1195661**

Please note this statement of financial activities has been independently examined by Solid Base NPS <https://www.solidbasenps.co.uk/>

The charity was incorporated on the 31 of August 2021 as a C.I.O.

From that date it began operating as Ouseburn Community Centre C.I.O.

This is a financial statement of the accounts of the charity for the detailed 12-month period.

Approved by the Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026



signed on their behalf by: Kevin Anderson Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees (20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 19:00GMT)

## Ouseburn Community Centre

Accounts for the year ending Mar 2025

	This year		23/24 Comparison
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Grants & Donations			
NCC Grant		0	190
Qube Digital Skills		992	
Miscellaneous Donors		0	300
		<b>992</b>	<b>490</b>
Traded Income			
Subscriptions		0	0
Room Hire		55,794	52,591
Refreshments		0	0
NPOWER Photovoltaic		0	0
Miscellaneous		0	0
		<b>55,794</b>	<b>52,591</b>
Investment Income			
Bank Interest		492	0
Other Income		<b>492</b>	<b>451</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>57,278</b>	<b>53,532</b>
<b>Direct Charitable costs</b>			
Rent and Rates		1,383	1,252
Heat, Light and Power		9,170	10,631
Telephone and Computer		2,409	1,105
Maintenance		2,657	2,426
Staff costs & Administration		1,263	1,093
Consultancy, IT and Support		42,803	32,755
Bad Debt Write Off		0	0
		<b>59,685</b>	<b>49,262</b>
Other Costs			
Miscellaneous		992	1,860
Events & Festivals		0	0
Petty Cash		0	0
		<b>992</b>	<b>1,860</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b>60,677</b>	<b>51,122</b>
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>-3,399</b>	<b>2,410</b>
Cash & Bank Balances at 31st March 2024		45,064	
Cash & Bank Balances at 31st March 2025		<b>39,748</b>	<b>45,064</b>
<b>Statement of Assets</b>			
Deposit Account		35,213	31,913
Current Account		4,535	13,151
Debtors Control Account		6,177	7,112
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>45,925</b>	<b>52,176</b>



Independently produced by Chris Armstrong - Solid Base Non-Profit Support

Signed by Kevin Anderson - Treasurer

Date

On behalf of the Management Committee

*K Anderson*  
*20/01/2026*

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# Accounts

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# Ouseburn Community Centre Annual Report and Financial Statement Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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Charity number: 1195661 Legal Structure: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O).

## Chairperson's Report

### My thanks to our Staff, Volunteers, Colleagues and Supporters

It has been another challenging year for our charity as we further emerged from COVID, faced a cost of living crisis particularly in terms of utilities for the Centre and saw the impact of service users and providers. Demand was up so delivering a broad range of socially driven activities that benefitted our local community was our key purpose. Alongside these challenges the funding environment and landscape is changing limiting opportunities.

Once again, the dedication and commitment of our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters has meant we have managed to maintain our balanced financial position at the end of the reporting period, 31 March 2024.

So, I would like to begin this report by giving my personal and heartfelt gratitude to our management team – H.C. Horizons C.I.C. who have driven the partnerships and collaboration that has resulted in new services where the response to community needs and aspirations are a priority alongside our resourcing and budgeting strategy.

I would also like to personally thank my fellow Trustees who have continued to attend board meetings, making critical business decisions, and continued to provide strategic leadership and direction to our contracted staff team.

## **Introduction**

The purpose of my annual report is to provide our stakeholders with relevant information about our charity's performance over the last year.

Our charitable objectives are to further or benefit the residents of Newcastle Upon Tyne 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.

In the furtherance of those objectives our stewardship and management of the building has been focused on getting services and activities back up and running alongside developing

and responding to new opportunities and requests as identified by our community development activity and entrepreneurial focus.

To sum up, the year saw the Centre:

- opened and accessed by residents 7 days per week
- support out of school childcare provision for local families and those in need 50 weeks of the year
- deliver holiday and food hunger provision for families
- create a warm space focused on children and young people
- support 2 new groups targeted at those who might be excluded from provision and opportunity
- facilitate 156 sessions for those with special needs focused on self organisation and empowerment
- support 64 sessions targeted at BAME residents
- host 100 mens pie club sessions plus training opportunities
- support food related healthy living activities with the purpose of no one being disadvantaged by what they eat or exacerbate health related symptoms with diet
- facilitate fund raising with core groups to aid their delivery and sustainability focusing on empowerment and self reliance taking a capacity building approach
- host work of the Social Enterprise Academy which offered leadership and management training alongside coaching and mentoring
- support the Council to engage with a wider range of residents and different audiences with regards road plans for the area
- support 26 friendship group sessions
- administer 13 womens led sessions including outreach work
- support 78 children and young peoples language sessions
- support numerous parties, celebrations and family events

Our monitoring and evaluation tells us that the Centre is viewed as accessible to all, friendly and cooperative however the work of the Council with regards roads, entry and exit points in the area has affected our clients, user groups and services. Making some of our offer unsustainable. We will continue to monitor the situation and as we have done already review, reflect and amend services.

### The Trustees of our C.I.O for 2023/24

- Stephen Powers
- Walter Morauf
- Kevin Anderson
- June Conway

### Users

Over the past 12 months Ouseburn Community Centre has supported a wide range of existing and new user groups. Our approach has ensured our centre has family and children support and development at the heart of its offer.

Our monitoring data tells us that Centre usage has increased again.

Beneficiary numbers for the year amounted to in excess of 15,000 with noticeably

34% self identifying as having a disability

12% identifying as BAME.

33% of users are male- this is uncommon in most community settings which are most commonly accessed by women

33% of beneficiaries are children and young people

We are giving some thought to how we can improve the accuracy of our data collection with the purpose of demonstrating impact and reach to grant funders.

We have strived to respond to community priorities such as dealing with the cost of living crisis and being able to get together, connect, make new relationships, learn and share more.

## Summing Up

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I firmly believe our move to a C.I.O. puts us in a better position to ensure the longevity of our charity looking into the future. With the continued help and support of H.C. Horizons C.I.C. I am confident that we will continue to grow our portfolio of social partners and increase our social impact whilst taking ownership of the building and maintaining a healthy balance sheet to ensure our financial sustainability.

# Statement of Accounts 1st of April 23 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity Number: 1195661

Please note this statement of financial activities has been independently examined.

The charity was incorporated on the 31 of August 2021 as a C.I.O. From that date it began operating as Ouseburn Community Centre C.I.O. This is a financial statement of the accounts of the charity for the detailed 12 month period.

## Income and expenditure account

### Income

Source	Total
Standard earned income	£52,591.43
Grants	£190
Donations	£300
Investment and other income	£450.57
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£53,532.32</b>

### Expenditure

Source	Total
Rent and Rates	£1252.37
Heat, Light and Power	£10,631.21
Printing and stationary	£302
Telephone and Computer	£1105.25
Maintenance	£2425.50
Professional Fees	£32,754.50
General Expenses	£791.27
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£49,262.10</b>

Please note

- The accounts are evenly balanced with a small surplus created towards our capital spend plans.

Approved by the Trustees on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 signed on their behalf by: Stephen Powers

Chairperson

Stephen Powers (Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 19:00GMT)

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# Accounts

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## Ouseburn Community Centre Annual Report and Financial Statement Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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**Charity number:** 1195661

**Legal Structure:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O)

**Period covered:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### Chairperson's Report

My thanks to our Staff, Volunteers, Colleagues and Supporters

It has been another challenging year for our charity having transitioned from the COVID pandemic back to full normal operations, only to enter a cost-of-living crisis putting a squeeze on all our customers pockets matched with increasing overheads. This year has been one of stabilisation in terms of keeping our centre busy, providing a wide range of socially motivated activities benefitting our community of interest, matched with generating income to cover our operating costs.

Once again, the dedication and commitment of our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters has meant we have managed to minimise the impact of the cost-of-living squeeze on our income generation, increasing our total over the previous year. This has helped us to ensure our overall deficit did not push us into an unhealthy financial position for our coming financial year 2023/24.

So, I would like to begin this report by giving my personal and heartfelt gratitude to our management team – H.C. Horizons C.IC. who have worked tirelessly to keep our centre vibrant and busy providing a wide range of activities, supporting families and their children from low-income households, vulnerable adults and children, whilst carefully balancing the need to trade space to help cover our operating costs. I would also like to thank them for helping to maintain our business continuity and a resilient balance sheet over the past 12 months, where our response to community needs and aspirations are a priority within our resourcing and budgeting strategy.

I would also like to personally thank our board of trustees, who have continued to attend board meetings, making critical business decisions, and continued to provide strategic leadership and direction to our contracted staff team.

### Introduction

The purpose of my annual report is to provide our stakeholders with relevant information about our charity's performance over the past 12 months having only recently incorporated.

Our charitable objectives are to further or benefit the residents of Newcastle Upon Tyne 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.

In the furtherance of those objectives our stewardship and management of the building has been focused on maintaining a vibrant, inclusive and diverse community centre, offering a

wide range of activities to our communities of interest alongside the continual development and creation of new ways to generate income to keep our charity financially viable.

A key focus for our board has been supporting H.C. Horizons with the challenge of balancing our social focus in helping those in need alongside the requirement to generate income in an equally challenging commercial environment generated by a significant rise in inflation matched with ever increasing overheads that need to be met to run our centre.

My report and associated accounts, when read together, provide key information about our organisation, what has been achieved as the result of those activities, how we are governed and our future plans.

### Asset Transfer

In preparing our charity for asset transfer, we have continued to commission H.C. Horizons C.I.C. in supporting us through the asset transfer process. Progress is still very slow with the Council and we are now waiting for the new 35-year lease to complete the transfer process.

We are fully prepared to take the opportunities this now presents, with the right terms and will work to best practice, with systems, resourcing, and tools in place to ensure our future success and longevity.

### The Trustees of our Charity

- Stephen Powers
- Walter Morauf
- Kevin Anderson
- June Conway

### Summary of activities

Following on from our previous years' work I am pleased to report our management arrangements continue to work well for our centre and our activities are continuing to grow from strength to strength despite the challenges we now face from the cost-of-living crisis. Our reach has evolved over the past 12 months with some of our old partners ceasing to operate and moved on and new partners joining us providing new exciting activities for our beneficiaries.

In brief, as a board we have worked with H.C. Horizons C.I.C. to date in undertaking the following activities this has included:

- Continued negotiations for a new lease for the building for the next 35 years.
- Brought a range of new users to the building with a focus on adults with physical and mental disabilities, adults looking to learn new skills and children and young people with a focus on early years development.
- Continued to liaise with the school to pursue opportunities for collaboration.
- Increasing income and identifying further opportunities for income generation so we are not dependent on grants.
- Making the Centre accessible to all and flexible options to meet beneficiaries needs

- Bringing in and attracting new services so our offer is extended and diverse

## Users

Over the past 12 months Ouseburn Community Centre has supported a wide range of existing and new user groups. Our approach has ensured our centre has family and children support and development at the heart of its offer.

Our partners are diverse in nature and include but not exhaustive:

**Hotspur Primary School** – continues to be a central partner to our centre, delivering their well-utilised Tree House after school and holiday provision. I am very grateful for their continued support of our charity and look forward to continuing to work closely with them in to the future.

**Adventure Babies** – We have established a strong working relationship with our local franchise running regular classes on a Wednesday. Their Sensory Storytelling Baby Classes or Toddler Classes ensure that children enjoy sensory activities which support their speech and language development, sensory development, physical development, social and emotional development. However, we have noted that Adventure Babies is finding it challenging due to the cost-of-living crisis with numbers beginning to dwindle so we have worked with them to find a way for them to continue operating.

**Bloom Baby Newcastle** – We supported a local entrepreneur establish her Bloom Baby franchise in Newcastle using our centre as her venue. Bloom Baby Classes support parents by teaching baby play activities that can be replicated at home. Our partnership with Bloom Baby sadly came to a close in July 2022 which the operator stated was due to the cost-of-living crisis.

**Busy Bees** – Is an NHS and Council funded service unique to Newcastle that supports families with children that have autism. Their focus was on helping parents care for autistic children, bringing families together to share mutual support, offering help, support, advice and guidance in dealing with this challenging condition. We have enjoyed working with and supporting Busy Bees but unfortunately our work sadly came to an end in December 2022 when they moved to new premises provided by the council free of charge.

**Crossroads Project** – Our work with Crossroads continues to go from strength to strength with them now being a regular fixture within our building. They are now incorporated through help and support provided by H.C. Horizons becoming a bonafide social business with a focus on supporting vulnerable, isolated, elderly, physical and mentally disabled people; helping them lead fulfilled and active lives by socialising with likeminded people, learning new skills, having nutritious food choices but ultimately having fun in a safe and inclusive environment.

The company primarily provides fun and educational activities to beneficiaries with the aim of stimulating their motor and cognitive senses to help maintain and improve their bodily and mental functions. We supplement our activities with a lunch service to provide healthy, nutritious and affordable hot food.

They offer a range of healthy services and activities including but not limited to:

- Zumba
- Arts and crafts
- Bingo
- Indoor bowling
- Dancing

- Singing
- Accredited training in First Aid

This new venture has added a whole new dimension to our social purpose by helping and supporting a very vulnerable group of interest.

**Newcastle Diamond Way Buddhist Group** – Are a new group to us and we welcome this new faith into our centre in support of our drive for greater social integration, community cohesion and racial integration, building tolerance between communities of interest and identity.

**Elite P.E. and Wellbeing** – We partnered up with Elite P.E. and Wellbeing who specialise in delivering high quality PE and wellbeing sessions to schools and community venues. We partnered up with them to support the Government's holiday activities and food programme which provides food and activities to children on free school meals during the school holiday periods.

**Friends Action North East (FANE)** – FANE are now a regular customer and their group continues to go from strength to strength. Their main purpose is to help adults in the Northeast of England with learning disabilities to make and keep friends. FANE champions friendship, raising expectations and creating opportunities to do ordinary things. Having this organisation within our centre helps us to reinforce our support for vulnerable adults from within our local community.

**Hartbeeps** – Our work with Hartbeeps came to an end in April 2022 again due to a downturn in numbers, which we believe is linked to the cost-of-living crisis. Our relationship with Hartbeeps helped reinforce our commitment to children and early years development but sadly now ended.

**Mana Christian Church** – Continue to be a regular customer of ours and use our centre for their sermons every Sunday which is predominantly attended by members of the BME community. We see this as a great platform to welcome people from all denominations into our centre and help them integrate into our local community.

**Foodnation** – We are continuing to develop our collaborative relationship with Foodnation by hosting their Men's pie club which is popular with its participants and has grown to two sessions per week. We are working on plans to upgrade our kitchen area to make it fully commercially compliant once the asset transfer is complete, which should help us open up new markets and opportunities associated with food and cooking opening up new traded income options.

**Nourish Food School** – Nourish Food School continue to be a solid partner of ours and previously a part of social enterprise Food Nation. They use our centre as their registered operating address and provide cookery classes, workshops and food events in partnership with us. The company's focus is to positively shape the way people see, eat and experience food every day at every age. They believe food should be enjoyed and a positive part of every lifestyle, and that everyone should have access to the skills, knowledge and confidence to make that happen. Everything they do matches up with our social mission - allowing us to support our local community's health, well-being, skills and happiness. They have worked with us to cascade key messages.

Mixed in between all of our structured and organised activities, classes and groups we also hosted a range of events and activities with a variety of local organisations and local residents to broaden our reach into the local community and also help with the accessibility of essential and key health services needed by local people including:

- Vita Health Group – one to one mental health support commissioned via the NHS;
- Newcastle City Council – with COVID vaccinations, family support work and community meetings;

- Yoga – we are home to a local YOGA club set and ran by a local resident;
- Table Top Sale – we provided free use of our hall to a local resident to pilot and indoor 'boot sale';
- Lego Club – set up by a local resident as a way of getting children off their hand held devices and socialising;
- Family Fun Zone – we applied for grant funding from the Council to operate a Family Fun Zone from March 2023 as part of the Warm zone initiative aimed at helping keep families warm during the Winter period. Our session is the only one aimed at families and children and open at a weekend. We worked with Elite P.E. and Kids Kitchen to provide good quality food and activities to keep people active.

## Summing Up

I firmly believe our move to a C.I.O. puts us in a better position to ensure the longevity of our charity looking into the future. With the continued help and support of H.C. Horizons C.I.C. I am confident that we will continue to grow our portfolio of social partners and increase our social impact whilst still hoping to take ownership of the building in 2023 and maintaining a healthy balance sheet to ensure our financial sustainability.

## Statement of Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Charity Number: 1195661

Please note this statement of financial activities has been independently examined.

The charity was incorporated on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021 as a C.I.O. From that date it began operating as Ouseburn Community Centre C.I.O. This is a financial statement of the accounts of the new charity covering the first full 12-month operating period from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## Independent Accounts for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

Please find a full breakdown of our full year's accounts on the next page.

Please note

- Spending out stripped total income but this was to be expected due to the cost-of-living crisis and significantly increased operating overheads.

Approved by the Trustees ?????? 2023 signed on their behalf by: Stephen Powers

Chairperson

Stephen Powers (  )

# Ouseburn Community Centre

Accounts for the year ending Mar 2023

	This year		21/22 Comparison
	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Grants & Donations			
NOC Grant	5,532		10,667
Miscellaneous Donors	350		61
		5,882	10,728
Traded Income			
Subscriptions	0		0
Room Hire	37,371		30,930
Refreshments	0		0
NPOWER Photovoltaic	3,055		2,776
Miscellaneous	600		0
		41,027	33,707
Investment Income			
Bank Interest	693		0
Other Income		693	-35
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>47,601</b>	<b>44,399</b>
<b>Direct Charitable costs</b>			
Rent and Rates	945		0
Heat, Light and Power	6,526		4,130
Telephone and Computer	989		1,603
Maintenance	1,944		1,699
Staff costs & Administration	46,000		51,464
Consultancy, IT and Support	555		1,797
Bad Debt Write Off	0		960
	56,959		61,653
<b>Other Costs</b>			
Miscellaneous	724		0
Events & Festivals	1,560		0
Petty Cash	0		0
	2,284		0
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b>59,243</b>	<b>61,653</b>
<b>NET PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>-11,641</b>	<b>-17,253</b>
Cash & Bank Balances at 31st March 2021		60,389	0
Cash & Bank Balances at 31st March 2022		<b>48,657</b>	<b>60,389</b>
<b>Statement of Assets</b>			
Deposit Account	40,592		45,819
Current Account	8,066		14,570
Debtors Control Account	85		-5
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>48,742</b>	<b>60,384</b>

Independently produced by Chris Armstrong - Solid Base Non-Profit Support

Signed by Stephen Powers - Chairperson

Date

18/11/24

On behalf of the Management Committee



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**OUSEBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1195661

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# Accounts

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# Ouseburn Community Centre Annual Report and Financial Statement Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

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**Charity number:** 1195661

**Legal Structure:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O)

**Period covered:** 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Chairperson's Report

### My thanks to our Staff, Volunteers, Colleagues and Supporters

This is my first Annual Report since our charity incorporated as a C.I.O. on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021. It has been another challenging year for our charity as we emerged from COVID lockdown at the beginning of April this year. Our task focused on getting our community centre back to its pre pandemic levels of activity delivering a broad range of socially driven activities that benefitted our local community.

Once again, the dedication and commitment of our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters has meant we have managed to maintain our balanced financial position at the end of this reporting period 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

So, I would like to begin this report by giving my personal and heartfelt gratitude to our management team – H.C. Horizons C.IC. who have driven the incorporation of our charity in becoming a CIO, giving us a better opportunity to attract investment in support of our move towards asset transfer and protecting our longevity as a charity serving our local community. I would also like to thank them for ensuring we did not lose any staff members due to the pandemic protecting two local families in the process and in helping to secure our business continuity and a resilient balance sheet during the past 7 months, where the response to community needs and aspirations are a priority with our resourcing and budgeting strategy.

I would also like to personally thank everyone who has supported our move to a C.I.O and those joining our new board of trustees, who have continued to attend board meetings, making critical business decisions, and continued to provide strategic leadership and direction to our contracted staff team.

### Introduction

The purpose of my annual report is to provide our stakeholders with relevant information about our charity's performance over the past 7 months following our conversion to a C.I.O on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021.

Our charitable objectives are to further or benefit the residents of Newcastle Upon Tyne 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.

In the furtherance of those objectives our stewardship and management of the building has been focused on getting services and activities back up and running alongside developing

and responding to new opportunities and requests following the relaxation of lockdown rules and implementing our forward plan following our re-opening in April 2021.

A key focus for our board has been supporting the transition to a C.I.O, including setting up the new management board, the new articles of association and in supporting our management team to keep the building safe and operable, where possible, during the past year.

My report and associated accounts, when read together, provide key information about our organisation, what has been achieved as the result of those activities, how we are governed and our future plans.

## Asset Transfer

In preparing our charity for asset transfer, we have continued to commission H.C. Horizons C.I.C. in supporting us through the asset transfer process. Building on our work to date we have commented on the proposed lease and agreed the final heads of terms with the Council.

Due to COVID progress has been delayed and our original date of completion in March 2022 now looks more likely to be March 2023. We are fully prepared to take the opportunities this now presents, with the right terms and will work to best practice, with systems, resourcing, and tools in place to ensure our future success and longevity.

## The Trustees of our new C.I.O

- Stephen Powers
- Walter Morauf
- Kevin Anderson
- June Conway

## Summary of activities

Following on from our previous years' work I am pleased to report our management arrangements continue to work well for our centre and our activities are continuing to grow from strength to strength despite the COVID pandemic. Our reach has been extended and in particular for those communities of identity and interest such as BAME and those with special needs.

With our new policies, systems and operating procedures in place our centre now runs extremely smoothly and efficiently which in turn aids sustainability.

Following recent soft market testing we have embedded new customers within our building bringing a balance to our income generation and social impact meaning we continue operate viably whilst meeting our community obligations and beneficiaries needs.

In brief, as a board we have worked with H.C. Horizons C.I.C. to date in undertaking the following activities this has included:

- Completed our move to incorporation to a CIO.
- Continued negotiations for a new lease for the building for the next 35 years.

- Brought a range of new users to the building with a focus on adults with physical and mental disabilities, adults looking to learn new skills and children and young people with a focus on early years development.
- Continued to liaise with the school to pursue opportunities for collaboration.
- Increasing income and identifying further opportunities for income generation so we are not dependent on grants.
- Making the Centre accessible to all and flexible options to meet beneficiaries needs
- Bringing in and attracting new services so our offer is extended and diverse

## Users

Over the past 7 months Ouseburn Community Centre has supported a wide range of existing and new user groups. Our approach has ensured our centre has family and children support and development at the heart of its offer.

Our partners are diverse in nature and include:

**Hotspur Primary School** remains a key partner to the Centre and continues to deliver their well-used Tree House after school and holiday provision. I am very grateful for their continued support of our centre and look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the future.

**Adventure Babies** – We have established a strong working relationship with the local franchise running regular classes on a Wednesday and looking to grow their offer in the coming year. Their Sensory Storytelling Baby Classes or Toddler Classes ensure that children enjoy sensory activities which support their speech and language development, sensory development, physical development, social and emotional development.

**Bloom Baby Newcastle** – We supported a local entrepreneur establish her Bloom Baby franchise in Newcastle using our centre as her venue. Bloom Baby Classes support parents by teaching baby play activities that can be replicated at home.

**Busy Bees** – Is an NHS and Council funded service unique to Newcastle that supports families with children that have autism. We are proud to be host to this organisation and the wonderful work they do to help parents care for autistic children, bringing families together to share mutual support, offering help, support, advice and guidance in dealing with this challenging condition.

**Crossroads Project** – Is a new group, developed through support provided via H.C. Horizons, our management contractor who are themselves a community enterprise. They are supporting incorporation of this venture into a social business with a focus on supporting vulnerable, isolated, elderly, physical and mentally disabled people, helping them lead fulfilled and active lives by socialising with likeminded people, learning new skills, having nutritious food choices but ultimately having fun in a safe and inclusive environment.

The company primarily provides fun and educational activities to beneficiaries with the aim of stimulating their motor and cognitive senses to help maintain and improve their bodily and mental functions. We supplement our activities with a lunch service to provide healthy, nutritious and affordable hot food.

They offer a range of healthy services and activities including but not limited to:

- Zumba
- Arts and crafts

- Bingo
- Indoor bowling
- Dancing
- Singing
- Accredited training in First Aid

This new venture has added a whole new dimension to our social purpose by helping and supporting a very vulnerable group of interest.

**Friends Action North East (FANE)** – FANE is a new customer based in Newcastle upon Tyne. Their sole purpose is to help adults in the Northeast of England with learning disabilities to make and keep friends. FANE champions friendship, raising expectations and creating opportunities to do ordinary things. Having this organisation within our centre helps us to reinforce our support for vulnerable adults from within our local community.

**Heart beeps** – As with Adventure babies we have established a good working relationship with Heart beeps reinforcing our commitment to children and early years development, they now operate a regular class every Tuesday for babies and toddlers.

**Mana Christian Church** – Use our centre for their sermons every Sunday and is predominantly attended by members of the BME community. We see this as a great platform to welcome people from all denominations into our centre and integrate into our local community.

**Foodnation** – we are continuing to develop our collaborative relationship with Foodnation continuing to host their Men's pie club which is popular with its participants. We are also developing new services and activities with them acting as their new local base. We are working on plans to upgrade our kitchen area making it fully commercially compliant which should help us open up new markets and opportunities associated with food and cooking. And adding to our traded income options.

**Nourish Food School** – Nourish Food School is another new partner established in 2021, and previously a part of social enterprise [Food Nation](#). They use our centre as their registered operating address and provide cookery classes, workshops and food events in partnership with us. The company's focus is to positively shape the way people see, eat and experience food every day at every age. They believe food should be enjoyed and a positive part of every lifestyle, and that everyone should have access to the skills, knowledge and confidence to make that happen. Everything they do matches up with our social mission - allowing us to support our local community's health, well-being, skills and happiness. They have worked with us to cascade key messages.

## Summing Up

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I firmly believe our move to a C.I.O. puts us in a better position to ensure the longevity of our charity looking into the future. With the continued help and support of H.C. Horizons C.I.C. I am confident that we will continue to grow our portfolio of social partners and increase our social impact whilst taking ownership of the building in 2023 and maintaining a healthy balance sheet to ensure our financial sustainability.

# Statement of Accounts 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

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Charity Number: 1195661

Please note this statement of financial activities has been independently examined.

The charity was incorporated on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2021 as a C.I.O. From that date it began operating as Ouseburn Community Centre C.I.O. This is a financial statement of the accounts of the new charity up until the end of the current financial year.

## Income and expenditure account

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### Income

Source	Total
Sales	£16876
Grants	COVID support - £5597
Donations	£0
Sponsorship	£0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£22773</b>

### Expenditure

Source	Total
Rent and Rates	£529
Heat, Light and Power	£3416
Telephone and Computer	£1189
Maintenance	£814
Gross Wages	£34500
Professional Fees	£710
General Expenses	£0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£41158</b>

**The bank balance closed at £14,570.01 on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

**The Business Savings Account balance on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was £46,248.94**

### Please note

- Spending out stripped total income but this was to be expected due to COVID 19
- The cash held within the instant savings account.

Approved by the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023 signed on their behalf by: Stephen Powers

Chairperson

Stephen Powers (Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 19:00GMT)

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