



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/04/2023 **To** 31/03/2024

Charity name: Wooler Drop In Centre

Charity registration number: 1196662

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>To advance the education of young people aged 13 to 25 years who are resident in Wooler and the surrounding area of Glendale in the districts of Alnwick and Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, without distinction of age, sex or political or religious opinion;</p> <p>(a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;</p> <p>(b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>Providing a warm and safe place for young people to gather, socialise, meet new people, take part in group activities. The centre is place the young people identified as their space and environment with adults (staff) they trust and confide in if they wish.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The trustees have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. They are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Charity Commission requirements. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, of the incoming resources and application of resources for that period.</p> <p>The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that report accurately the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the finances are adequately and securely managed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Accounts are prepared on a monthly basis and submitted to trustees for</p>

	inspection. One trustee with accounting knowledge is the nominated Treasurer with special responsibility for overseeing the accounting processes and procedures.
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Additional information (optional)

Contribution made by volunteers	Volunteers have step in to cover staff sickness and provide an extra pair of hands when need for activities.
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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>The main achievement of the accounting period was to appoint new trustees in preparation for the activities which have begun since the end of that period. When the charity took over the assets and liabilities and staff of Wooler Young Peoples Association.</p> <p>This was completed on 2 May 2023.</p> <p>Numbers of young people attending are good in the age range 12-15 but the older young people have never returned after Covid, this seems to align with the national position.</p> <p>Numbers have continued to steadily increase on average with the number of new starts in September being the highest recorded.</p> <p>Opening hours have changed from 6:30-9pm to 5:30-8 originally just for the winter but after positive feedback from the young people they have been carried on all year round.</p> <p>Sessions have been split into age groups after the increase in attendees. The younger ones preferring more activity and craft based sessions and making it comfortable for the older ones like to have more mature young adult themed conversations and discuss issues confronting them at their age.</p> <p>We have seen an increase in the number of young people coming in hungry, the Co-op are still donating their reduced food and the tuck shop has been reduced to allow for more finances to go towards savoury and more substantial meals.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The current financial position is satisfactory but more funding will have to be raised in the future to fund activities. We have secured some funding which be repeated next year and there are some indications that future funding is likely to be available.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The current policy is to achieve and then maintain sufficient funds to cover winding up costs as a minimum. It is desirable to have funds to cover any periods were we have not been successfully in achieving grant funding.
Amount of reserves held	£1750.
Details of fund materially in deficit	None.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The uncertainty is the ability to continue raising grant income combined with the substantial increase in costs due to inflation.

Additional information (optional)

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Nearly 100% from grants.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	CIO-ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	The Charity is managed by the Executive Committee which includes all Trustees. At the AGM each year the members elect a Chairman In addition, the other members of the Executive Committee are elected at the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and (b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wooler Drop In Centre
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1196662
Charity's principal address	53 High Street WOOLER NE71 6BH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip O'Leary	Chair		
2	Anthony Quince			
3	Michael Stanwix			
4	Adrian Pardey			
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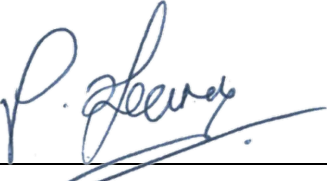

The Trustees would like to offer their appreciation to the staff and volunteers for their significant efforts over the last year. We operate in a challenging and demanding environment which requires individuals to give their all and our team do that on a weekly basis.

My thanks also go to the Trustees; they have demonstrated a huge commitment to the organisation, some serving on the committee for many years. The Trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report above, signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip O'Leary	Adrian Pardey
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	25/01/2025	



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Charity Name	No (if any)
Wooler Drop in Centre	

Receipts and payments accounts

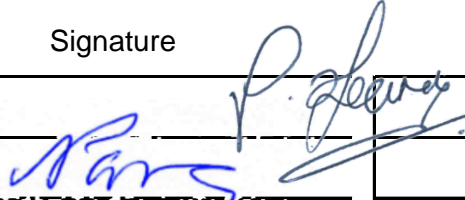
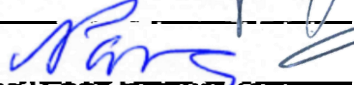
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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
TRANSFER FROM Wooler Young People	20,571	-	-	20,571	-
Donations	181	-	-	181	-
Lottery	63	-	-	63	-
Fundraising	40	-	-	40	-
Grant Ballinger Trust	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
CO OP Grant for youth café		1,783	-	1,783	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,855	1,783	-	32,638	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,855	1,783	-	32,638	-
A3 Payments					
Salaries	17,069	-	-	17,069	-
Staff Pensions	1,808	-	-	1,808	-
Gas/Electric/water	2,503	-	-	2,503	-
Rent	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
Trips and activities	960	-	-	960	-
Employment law software subscription	1,453	-	-	1,453	-
Insurance	357	-	-	357	-
Internet/tv	329	-	-	329	-
Other expenses	599	-	-	599	-
Sub total	26,311	-	-	26,311	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,311	-	-	26,311	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,544	1,783	-	6,327	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,544	1,783	-	6,327	-

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	CO OP Current account	4,544	1,783	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,544	1,783	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Low value furniture		-	-
	Low value games equipment		-	-
	Low value TV's		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Philip O'Leary	05/01/2025	
		Adrian Pardey	08/01/2025	

Wooler Drop In Centre

Charity Number 1196662

Accounts for the year ended 31/03/2024

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

M F Hetherington

Address:

9 Ryecroft Crescent, Wooler, NE71 6EA

Date

27 January 2025