



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Wooler Drop In Centre

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1196662

Charity's principal address

53 High Street

Wooler

Postcode

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	Adrain Pardey			
4	Simon Mitchell		25/6/2024 – 31/3/2025	
5	Janet Leggett		25/6/2024 – 31/3/2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO-ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	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 governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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;

(a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;

(b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

<p>and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.</p>
<p>Providing a warm and safe place for young people to gather, socialise, meet new people, take part in group activities. The centre is a place the young people identified as their space which they have, and are encouraged, to input into its layout and activities. The centre also provides an environment with adults (staff) they trust and confide in if they wish.</p> <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 inspection. One trustee with accounting knowledge is the nominated Treasurer with special responsibility for overseeing the accounting processes and procedures.</p> <p>The Chair of trustees meets with the centre manager 2 to 4 times a month.</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers have step in to cover staff sickness and provide 'extra pair of hands' when needed for activities.

Trustees have also helped and volunteered when able and needed.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievement of the accounting period was to appoint new trustees.

One of the Trustees had to resign as he moved away from the area due to work commitments, however we have appointed two new ones who are very keen to get involved. Another local person who has helped volunteering is also considering being a Trustee.

We previously reported the 'older' young people never returned after Covid and that this seemed to align with the national position. Numbers of young people attending in the age range of 12-15 increased in the previous year and this has continued and we have seen attendance of some of those who have now become the 'older ones' increase.

Changing opening hours from 6:30 – 9pm to 5:30-8pm during the winter worked well and has been extended to all year round after feedback from the young people.

We have continued with sessions that 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.

The new influx of new starters this year (in September) appreciate this split in age groups.

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.

One of the new trustee is a builder/engineer who renovated the kitchen and storage areas. Subsequent purchases of new cooking appliances and utensils we have been able to provide a greater variety of food and seen associated fall in tuck shop purchases.

During summer 2024 Northumberland Archives worked with a group of young people from Wooler Drop In and 1st Wooler BP Scouts to develop a film inspired by the history, heritage, archival collections, and their experiences of the area.

The young people worked with professional film makers to learn all about how to plan, format, shoot, and edit a documentary film.

Their film, The Wooler Way of Life, was screened at the 20th [Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival](https://www.berwickfilmfestival.co.uk/) in March 2025. (available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv3bXYE3jvg&t=1s>)

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The current policy is to achieve and then maintain sufficient funds to cover winding up costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None at the period end.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal sources of funding are through grant applications. We are fortunate to have one funder who has provided approximately 30% of our running costs for the last 3 years and is likely to continue for a further 3 years.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

27/01/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Wooler Drop In Centre

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

To

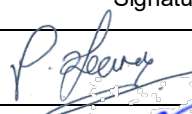

Period end date
31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Ballinger Trust	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
UK Youth	3,333	-	-	3,333	-
Sir James Knott Trust	7,500	-	-	7,500	-
Commnuity Foundation	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Donations	5,165	-	-	5,165	221
NCC Patments Acc	720	-	-	720	-
Lottery	4	-	-	4	63
Transfer WYPA - Youth Café Grant	-	-	-	-	22,354
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,722	-	-	36,722	32,638
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,722	-	-	36,722	32,638
A3 Payments					
Drop In Expenses	756	-	-	756	960
Gas & Electric	2,058	-	-	2,058	2,503
HR Subscription	1,744	-	-	1,744	1,453
Internet	423	-	-	423	329
Rent	2,582	-	-	2,582	1,233
Staff Pensions	1,949	-	-	1,949	1,808
Wages	26,791	-	-	26,791	17,069
Water Rates	436	-	-	436	357
Other	-	-	-	-	599
Sub total	36,739	-	-	36,739	26,311
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,739	-	-	36,739	26,311
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17	-	-	- 17	6,327
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 17	-	-	- 17	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		6,309	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,309	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
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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	13/01/2026
		Adrian Pardey	13/01/2026

Wooler Drop In Centre

Charity Number 1196662

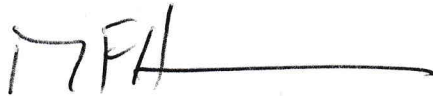
Accounts for the year ended 31/03/2025

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

29 January 2026