

RAVENSTONEDALE COMMUNITY & HERITAGE CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1199656

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-14

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CIVIL PARISH OF RAVENSTONEDALE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, INCLUDING USE FOR: A) MEETINGS, LECTURES AND CLASSES, AND B) OTHER FORMS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS.

Activities: Meetings, Social /Refreshments, Physical training, Local History, Family & other parties for all age groupsYorkshire Dales National Park & Friends of the Lake District meetings. History and other lectures. Sewing, Pilates, etc. Local History Archive.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cumbria
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,817	£9,637	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,797	£5,136	-	-
2023-03-31	£8,521	£4,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Ruth Shields	Chair	2011-05-10
Ann Marie Wappett		2023-08-08
Christopher John Elphick		2011-05-10
Clara Blanche Allinson		2023-01-21
Emma Lewis		2024-10-12
Emma Louise Rose		2024-12-20
Hilary Law		2023-01-21
Janice Hardcastle		2023-01-21

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Charity name: Ravenstonedale Community and Heritage Centre

Charity registration number: 1199656

Objectives and Activities

The charity's mission is to preserve and maintain a community centre for the benefits of the inhabitants of the civil parish of Ravenstonedale and the surrounding area, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.

Ravenstonedale Parish, at 25-30 square miles, fewer than 500 electors in the parish, and circa 125 residences in the actual village, is extremely rural and one of the most sparsely populated parishes in England. The Centre is therefore a critical facility within our community. The importance of our Centre is emphasised when understanding that it is the parishioners who are maintaining and managing our 1735 Grade II listed building for the benefit of our friends, family and community.

The Centre is a place for meetings, lectures and classes, and other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the residents and visitors to Ravenstonedale and providing a vibrant hub for local activities. The Trustees' focus is on ensuring that the public are the beneficiaries of the Centre by ensuring that activities are designed for and promoted to the local community.

Our Charity is constituted as a CIO and managed through a group of Trustees, the majority of which sit on our Management Committee. Trustee names and details are provided on the [Charity Commission website](#).

During this period, there has been a change to the membership of the Management Committee and additional Trustees added. Our long-standing Trustee and Treasurer, Chris Elphick stood down as an active member of the Committee and as Treasurer. Chris has been a major supporter of the RCHC. As clerk to our Parish Council, he drove the purchase of the RCHC and saved the historic building. Further, over the years he has successfully pursued funding for an extension and new kitchen; established our Charity and set up the Management Committee. The RCHC would not be able to provide the services to the Ravenstonedale community without Chris. Therefore, as part of this report, the Management Committee would like to recognise his services to RCHC and the community and thank Chris for all that he has done. Chris remains a Trustee and honorary member of our Management Committee, and he continues to provide advice and guidance as required.

Two new Trustees were appointed and agreed official roles as Vice Chair and Treasurer. Details are provided further in this report.

They have been selected based on their care and concern for the community and the centre, knowledge of the local community and their knowledge, skills and experience, as well as contribution to events and activities in the Centre.

A focus of the Chairty's activities in the latter part of the year has been the required repairs to the roof, outer and interior walls of the building. The building is owned by the Parish Council which is leading on securing the required funds for the works. However, the Management Committee have been focused on how it can contribute a small proportion of the match funding required, working in partnership with the Parish Council. Some of the events listed below have generated some of these funds and the Management Committee already have plans for further fund-raising events during the 2025/26 financial year. The Management Committee is fully committed to supporting the raising of these funds. The RCHC is a key part of our community and community activities. Completion of the repairs over the next few years will provide an improved environment for all our current activities and attract greater use of our facilities.

Achievements and Performance

The Centre has been used during this past year to host both regular and ad-hoc activities such as:

- Weekly circuits, Pilates and yoga classes
- Sound baths
- The History Group weekly meetings and regular events/talks
- Annual Craft Fair
- Monthly sewing group
- Monthly coffee mornings
- Annual Howgill 10K run
- Discos
- Poetry and music evenings
- Talks and lectures
- Parish Council meetings
- Other ad-hoc hire occasions – Mountain Rescue meetings; Yorkshire Dales National Park meetings.

A local venue for such activities is a key benefit in our rural community, particularly to our elderly residents.

Financial Review

A summary of the charity's accounts for 2024/25 have been submitted along with this report. The Charity does not hold reserves as such but does aim to generate surplus that can be used for general maintenance and will contribute some of the match funding for the necessary repair works referred to above.

The Centre at times is fortunate to receive donations from members of the public and other groups. Most significantly we received again this year, a generous donation from the Howgill Harriers. In addition some smaller donations generated through RCHC hosted events, have been received specifically as a contribution to the roof and wall repairs.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ravenstonedale Community and Heritage Centre
Registered charity number	1199656

Charity's principal address	Ravenstonedale C&HC Ravenstonedale Kirkby Stephen Cumbria CA17 4NG
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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	Helen Shields	Chair		
2	Emma Lewis	Vice Chair	October 2024	
2	Clara Allinson	Secretary		
3	Hilary Law			
4	Jan Hardcastle			
5	Anne Wappett			
6	Emma Rose	Treasurer	October 2024	Management Committee

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Emma Rose

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

1 June 25

2024/25 Account Summary

			Expenditure	Income	
Opening balance	£ 15,512.87				
2023/24	cleaning 2324	£	45.79		
	hall hire 2324			£	245.00
	History Group - owed payments			£	375.00
	utilities 2324	£	1,040.79		
			£ 1,086.58	£	620.00
2024/25	bank charges	£	70.37		-£ 466.58
	circuits			£	380.00
	cleaning	£	980.28		
	compliance	£	268.63		
	donation			£	1,994.86
	donation (renovations)			£	2,010.00
	hall hire			£	3,295.00
	History Group 2425			£	300.00
	pilates	£	2,531.00	£	3,137.00
	sewing			£	80.00
	supplies and maintenance	£	1,052.65		
	utilities	£	3,527.76		
	website	£	120.00		
			£ 8,550.69	£	11,196.86
					£ 2,646.17
		Totals	£ 9,637.27	£	11,816.86
Closing balance	£ 17,370.46				
Held in cash				£	82.74
Balance carried forward	£ 17,412.39				

Treasurer's Report: Account summary 1st April 2024 to 31 March 2025

The summary records the finances for the activities of the RCHC during this period. Adjustments are shown in the summary report for costs incurred in 2324 which were not accrued in the previous set of accounts. This has been reported to provide a clear report of income and operating costs incurred during the reporting period 2024/25.

-Reimbursement of license fee from the History Group from the Parish Council (£300 for 24/25 and £375 for previous years). This had previously been paid to the Parish Council and a reimbursement payment was made by them.

-Reimbursement from RCHC to the Parish Council of costs for oil and electricity incurred by RCHC, was made during 2024/25. £1452 of payments some of which was incurred in the previous financial year (23/24 - £1041).

Utility payments are now made directly from RCHC to suppliers rather than via the Parish Council. A new agreement between the History Group and RCHC will be in place for 25/26 rather than between the History Group and the Parish Council, thus addressing the complexities above.

The actual 2024/25 operating costs have been covered with a surplus of £2646.

Donations have been received through discos, the Christmas Fair, Lectures, and local supporters and from the Howgill Harriers. These would normally cover the RCHC's operating costs. However, during this year some donations have been made specifically for the charity's contribution to the cost of renovations required to the building. The Management Committee also agreed that some of the regular donations would also be used for this purpose as the charity had sufficient funds to operate as well as commit these donations to the building renovation funds. The distinction is recorded separately in the summary accounts.

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Primarily any surplus generated through the Centre's activities contributes to the operation and maintenance of the building (e.g. heating, insurances, etc). The Centre at times is fortunate to receive donations from members of the public and this last year benefited from a small contribution for new curtains, which will be made by our Sewing Group once some critical maintenance has been completed to the roof and walls.

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2	Clara Allinson			
3	Hilary Law			
4	Jan Hardcastle			
5	Anne Wappett			
6	Chris Elphick	Treasurer		

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Emma Rose</i>	
Full name(s)	Emma Rose	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer *	

Date 9 January 2025

*Recently appointed as Treasurer but not in the role during the period of this report.

**Ravenstonedale community Heritage Centre
Accounts 2023-2024**

RCHC Account Summary: 1/4/23 to 31/3/24

Income	
Cash Receipts	1,574.50
Circuits	600.00
Compliance	39.90
Donations	1,600.00
Hall hire	3,581.00
Pilates subscriptions	3,102.00
History Group	300.00
	10,797.40

Expenditure	
Sundries	379.88
Pilates	2,400.00
Bank	81.90
Cleaning	747.97
Licences & certification & insuranc	305.79
Website	120.00
Supplies and maintenance	1,000.00
Rent	100.00
	5,135.54

Reconciliation	
Opening balance 01/04/23	9851.01
Income	10,797.40
Expenditure	5,135.54
Closing balance 31/04/24	15,512.87

Represented by	
HSBC Account	15,512.87
Cash in hand	0
Unpresented cheques	0
Balance Carried forward	15,512.87

RCHC Treasurers' Report

RCHC has continued to be a focus for local community activity over this last year with an increasing variety of events and classes being held, both hosted by the trustees but also through hall hires. Accounts demonstrate a surplus having been generated year on year. However, the Hall requires some significant maintenance - roof, guttering, render and repair to the internal damage water ingress is creating. Trustees are working with Parish Council to identify grants and other income opportunities to cover the costs, as well as starting some small scale fund raising events within the local community to demonstrate the Parish's commitment to maintaining our community centre.

Submitted by	Helen Shields	Chair
and on behalf	Emma Rose	Treasurer
of	Clara Allinson	Treasurer

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**Ravenstonedale Community Heritage Centre
Statement of Accounts 2022 - 2023**

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2		2021-22			Income			2022-23	
3		1,000.00		rdon	Donation (curtains 22-23 - upr)			1,500.00	
4		225.00		rrnt	RPHG Hist Room Rent (upr)			300.00	
5		10,667.00		rgnt	Cash receipts banked			1,028.60	
6		2,590.00		rpilat	Pilates Group Subscriptions			3,012.50	
7		1,645.00		rhir	Hall Hire (YDNP, Art Class, CCT Trg, RPHG, Sound, etc)			1,180.00	
8		464.00		rhir	Burns Night Jubilee			500.00	
9		430.00		rcfe	Coffee Mornings			50.00	
10		28.19		rsds	Sundries (upr)			560.00	
11		384.00		rdon	Sundry donations			390.00	
12		17,433.19						8,521.10	
13									
14		Gross			Expenditure				
15		1,560.00		pil	Pilates			2,640.00	
16		259.31		exp	Stationery & Postage			357.08	
17		17.74		chs	Bank charges			85.69	
18		200.00		cln	Cleaning etc			735.00	
19		72.00		sds	Food Handling Certs			0.00	
20		156.00		lic	Music Licence			156.00	
21		14,849.55		web	Website			620.00	
22		17,114.60						4,593.77	
23									
24					Reconciliation				
25		7,193.09			Opening Balance at 01/04/22			7,511.68	
26		17,433.19			Add Income			8,521.10	
27		24,626.28						16,032.78	
28		-17,114.60			Less Expenditure			-4,593.77	
29		7,511.68			Closing Balance at 31/03/23			11,439.01	
30									
31					Represented by:				
32		7,473.68			HSBC Community a/c			9,851.01	
33		38.00			Cash in Hand			88.00	
34		0.00			Unpresented Cheques			1,500.00	
35		7,511.68			Balance Carried forward			11,439.01	
36									
37				Signed	Helen Shields			Chairman	
38					Chris Elphick & Clara				
39					Allinson			Treasurers	
40									
41		RC&HC Treasurer's Report							
42		The Community & Heritage Centre, following many repairs and upgrades since its acquisition by							
43		Ravenstonedale Parish Council in 2010, is being well used by local groups and official							
44		bodies, including YDNP and FLD, and now demonstrating financial viability.							
45									
46		During this financial year the RC&HC has been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIC)							
47		Charity Registration No. 1199656.							

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Statement of Accounts 2022 - 2023**

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