

Annual Trustees' Report

The Lighthouse Community Hub, Newsham

Reporting Period: 1.8.24 – 31.7.25

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Lighthouse Community Hub

Charity Address: Ex Caretakers Bungalow, Newsham Primary School, Blyth, NE24 4NX

Trustees: Wendy Atkinson; Peter Malone; Shad Saleem; Ian Flintoft; Warren Taylor; Martin Robson; Kirsty Greenacre

Structure, Governance and Management

The Lighthouse Community Hub is governed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance, and financial oversight of the charity. Trustees meet regularly to review progress, ensure compliance with governing documents, and oversee the delivery of charitable objectives.

Objects and Aims

The charity's objects are to benefit the local community of Newsham, particularly families experiencing inequality and poverty, by providing accessible facilities and activities that promote education, employment prospects, health, wellbeing, social connection, and practical life skills in a safe and inclusive environment.

Activities and Public Benefit

In planning and reviewing activities, the Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The activities described below were carried out in furtherance of the charity's objects and for the benefit of the public.

Review of Achievements and Performance

Building Conversion

During the reporting period, the charity successfully completed the conversion and refurbishment of its building. This project ensured that the premises are now fit for purpose, accessible, and suitable for community use. The completion of this work represents a significant achievement and enables the charity to deliver its activities effectively and safely.

Delivery of Charitable Activities

Following completion of the building conversion, The Lighthouse Community Hub began delivering a programme of regular community activities, including:

- **Yoga sessions** designed to improve physical and mental wellbeing, increasing access to low-cost wellbeing activities for members of the local community.
- **Cooking from scratch sessions** focused on promoting affordable, nutritious eating and developing practical life skills, particularly supporting families affected by financial hardship.
- **Toddler sessions** providing a safe and supportive environment for young children and their carers, helping to reduce social isolation, support early development, and strengthen family wellbeing.
- **Adult learning classes** offering opportunities to develop skills, confidence, and knowledge, supporting personal development and improving life chances for adults experiencing inequality.
- **Digital and IT courses** aimed at reducing digital exclusion by improving access to essential digital skills, enabling participants to better engage with services, education, and employment opportunities.

These activities have contributed to improved wellbeing, reduced social isolation, and strengthened community engagement within Newsham.

Plans for Future Periods

With the building conversion complete and core activities established, the Trustees are now focusing on the development of a community garden. This project aims to provide an accessible outdoor space that supports wellbeing, community participation, environmental awareness, and food growing. The Trustees view this as an important next stage in the charity's development and a further means of delivering public benefit.

Financial Review

Please see attached accounts.

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the risks facing the charity, including operational, financial, and governance risks, and have taken steps to mitigate these where appropriate.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP).

Trustees' Declaration

The Trustees confirm that this report accurately reflects the activities and achievements of the charity during the reporting period.

Approved by the Trustees on: 15.9.25 at AGM

Signed: ___W.K.Atkinson_____

Name: ___Wendy Atkinson_____

Position: Trustee

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY HUB CHARITY NUMBER 1200951			
YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2024 - 2025			
		2024/25	2023/24
		£	£
	Event & Source		
DATE	INCOME	£0.00	£44,407.29
8/1/2024	NCC Payments	£22,931.41	
10/9/2024	NIECP Payments	£45,863.00	
11/15/2024	Blyth Town Council Funding	£320.50	
12/2/2024	F/Flow 1/Qts Europ 1200951	£5,000.00	
2/14/2025	NCC Poling Station Payment	£120.00	
3/14/2025	NIECP Payments	£7,643.82	
3/18/2025	NIECP Payments	£18,279.37	
3/24/2025	Asda Parentkind Cash Pot (to be transferred to School)	£1,126.41	
6/12/2025	NCC Payments (Elections)	£320.00	
7/1/2025	Asda Parentkind Cash Pot (to be transferred to School)	£364.30	
TOTAL INCOME		£101,968.81	£44,407.29

		2024/25	2023/24
		£	£
DATE	EXPENDITURE	£0.00	£168.37
8/1/2024	JS Building & Groundworks	£22,600.00	
8/13/2024	NCC - Planning Dept	£600.00	
8/30/2024	JG Building & Groundworks	£24,000.00	
9/2/2024	Bradley Master Locksmith	£76.05	
9/4/2024	Grange Valley Ltd (Partician)	£3,687.84	
9/11/2024	Greenacres & Sons (Benches)	£2,655.00	
9/11/2024	Standard Security Systems (Alarm)	£3,147.63	
9/13/2024	JG Building & Groundworks (Tree Removal)	£2,940.00	
9/13/2024	Building and Public Liability Insurance	£1,127.40	
9/13/2023	B&Q Bathroom Items	£31.28	
9/13/2024	Screwfix - Mail Box & Door Stops	£94.42	
9/13/2024	Screwfix - Soap Dispensers	£19.99	
10/10/2024	JG Building & Groundworks	£24,117.60	
10/18/2024	NE Fire Ltd	£133.20	
11/13/2024	Standard Security Systems (Fire Alarm)	£1,810.30	
11/19/2024	Seated Furniture	£4,395.90	
12/9/2024	Phillips Design Ltd	£528.00	
1/30/2025	Trainline (Wendy attending Freemason Event)	£168.39	
1/31/2025	Standard Security (Police Monitoring Line)	£66.72	
3/17/2025	BT Group internet set up	£11.94	
3/31/2025	Solo Manufaturing (Window Blinds)	£717.60	
4/3/2025	Asda Parentkind Cash Pot (transferred to school)	£1,126.41	
4/14/2025	Peter Malone (Screwfix parking posts)	£122.97	
4/15/2025	Newsham Primary School (Europ Grant W Atkinson Salary)	£5,000.00	
4/17/2025	BT Group internet and installation	£146.04	
5/19/2025	Bt Internet monthly charge	£59.94	
6/17/2025	Bt Internet monthly charge	£59.94	
7/17/2025	Bt Internet monthly charge	£59.94	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£99,504.50	£168.37

LOCATION OF FUNDS	Lloyds Bank as 31st July 2025 & 2024	£56,949.63	£10,246.40
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CASH IN BANK 31ST JULY 2024	£54,485.32
PLUS INCOME 2024 - 25	£101,968.81
SUB TOTAL	£156,454.13
LESS EXPENDITURE 2024 - 25	£99,504.50
TOTAL	£56,949.63
CASH IN BANK AT 31ST JULY 2025	£56,949.63
BALANCE PLUS OR MINUS	

Maggies Tuckshop Profit & Loss					
MAGGIES P/L ACCOUNT					
Date	Expenditure	Value	Date W/C	Sales/Income	Value
9/19/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£41.47	1/8/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£38.50
9/21/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£6.45	1/15/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£46.74
9/25/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£33.10	1/22/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£28.75
10/4/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£57.73	1/29/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£35.00
10/18/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£27.69	2/5/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£19.90
10/22/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£48.63	2/12/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£32.30
11/20/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£29.27	2/26/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£22.00
12/1/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£24.15	3/4/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£29.00
12/11/2023	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£15.96	3/11/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£15.50
1/10/2024	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£14.51	3/25/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£9.00
2/6/2024	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£23.12	3/25/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£9.00
3/6/2024	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£13.35	4/22/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£38.00
3/7/2024	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£21.28	4/29/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£38.70
3/19/2024	Maggies Stock - Homebargins	£14.34	5/6/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£19.00
5/13/2024	Maggies Stock (Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop)	£27.86	5/13/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£34.00
			5/20/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£13.00
			5/24/2024	Maggies Tea & Coffee & Tuckshop	£9.50
Total		£398.91			£437.89
Profit/Loss					£38.98

To whom it may concern,

I confirm that I have independently reviewed the accounts of Lighthouse Community Hub and that, in my opinion, they present a true and accurate record of the organisation's financial position and transactions for the relevant accounting period.

I have no connection, financial interest, or involvement with Lighthouse Community Hub. My review was conducted impartially and based solely on the financial information and records made available to me.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the accounts have been prepared from the underlying financial records and fairly reflect the income, expenditure, assets, and liabilities of the organisation. All material matters brought to my attention during the course of my review have been appropriately recorded and disclosed.

This statement is provided in good faith for all relevant purposes.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. S. Beavers', followed by a long, wavy horizontal line.

Daniel Beavers