



Foundry Street Community Centre

Chairperson's annual report

01/01/25 – 31/12/25

Foundry Street Community Centre objectives:

- To benefit the residents of Sowerby Bridge and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by providing facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the residents.
- To establish a community centre and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of these objectives.

Summary of the main activities in 2025 to achieve those purposes:

1. Ongoing programme of repair, refurbishments and redecoration undertaken throughout 2025 including:
 - Completion of redecoration of Lelsie Godfrey Lounge
 - Installation of fob security system
 - Installation of new kitchen
 - Cleaning and painting of fire escape
 - Replacement of damaged railings
 - Installation of light sensitive floodlights over side entrances
 - Additional fire sensors installed downstairs
 - Repair of plasterwork and redecoration of the stairwell
2. Purchase of equipment to support and enhance the centre and its facilities including:
 - Defibrillator (plus training)
 - Folding trestle tables
 - Child safety gate for the main hall fire exit
 - Hot water flasks
 - New projection screen
 - New curtains for the Leslie Godfrey Lounge
 - Badminton equipment
3. Compliance with all statutory health and safety regulations:
 - Fire safety – alarm and fire extinguishers
 - Gas boiler service and testing
 - 5-year electrical testing
 - PAT testing
4. Hire of facilities to a wide range of community groups since 01/01/25:
 - Sports and exercise –weekly sessions for karate, boxing, table tennis, keep active fitness, yoga, tai chi, line dancing, rugby tots, seated exercise, Willow Park PE, children's football, mother and baby exercise classes, ladies cricket
 - Educational – French and Spanish language classes, jewellery making, children's baking, family history
 - Health & Wellbeing – diabetes prevention classes, various PCN events, sound baths, Medicine Drum Journey, Unmasked Mental Health, Narcotics Anonymous
 - Social & Community – Chat Lounge, Sowerby Bridge 1st Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Sowerby Bridge Town Board, Active Calderdale, Youth Justice Service, Children's Clothing Bank
5. Centre based events:
 - Monthly local history talks
 - Christmas Fayre – 22 stalls and 228 visitors

Summary of Use:

- A total of 15072 users have taken part in all activities during 2025, 38% up on 2024
- User groups have spent 2626.75 hours involved in activities, averaging 50 hours per week over the year, 31% up on 2024

Successes and points of interest:

We are completely volunteer run -

- The charity continues to be entirely run by volunteers, including the trustees. Two of the trustees are heavily involved in the management and refurbishment of the building. Another trustee manages the room hire, scheduling, charging and invoicing, and general paperwork. One volunteer is responsible for regular cleaning and does a fantastic job. Another looks after the website and the Facebook page, ensuring that information is changed regularly, keeping everything up to date. Other volunteers assist at major events and on an ad hoc basis with various tasks. We would like to thank all our volunteers, and to recruit more volunteers, to spread the workload.

We are financially secure -

- Hire of the building to a wide range of community groups provides an income which covers the day to day running of the building (utilities, broadband, routine maintenance, annual statutory safety checks and certificates, insurance, PPLPRS licence) and enables us to undertake some of our refurbishments.
- Grants from Calderdale Council (Ward Forum and Community Assets Grants), and VSI Alliance have enabled more substantial purchases and refurbishments, whilst Sowerby Bridge Rotary Club made a significant donation which enabled us to purchase our new kitchen and appliances.

We continue to grow -

- Provision of a wider range of regular activities and a 13.6% increase in individual spot hire sessions, such as birthday parties or one-off meetings such as Block Buddy and Halifax Canoe Club AGM, mean we have seen a significant increase (38%) in number of users
- Our Facebook page was set up in January 2022 to keep people informed about progress towards the community asset transfer. Since the transfer it has continued to provide information about the activities and other events taking place at the centre. Numbers are steadily increasing, and there are currently 990 members (14/01/26) – up 22.4% since our last AGM, when there were 809.

We continue to diversify -

- Chat Lounge began in January 2025 and provides a place where older people can meet weekly for a drink and conversation, with the option of some gentle exercise or some family history research. On 15/12/25, a Christmas celebration with a bring-and-share buffet, crackers and Secret Santa marked almost a year of companionship and laughter.
- We welcomed Sowerby Bridge 1st Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to Foundry Street in September 2025, bringing in lots of younger people every Monday night.
- As a 'Community Anchor' we provide space for the PCNs to host events such as Grief Awareness, Volunteer Recruitment and Stress Awareness, while at the same time we have provided free rooms to groups such as Narcotics Anonymous and Unmasked Mental Health throughout 2025.
- We hosted our first Christmas Fayre on 14/12/25, with 22 stalls, many selling festive items, and others offering beautiful products perfect for Christmas presents. We had an incredible 228 visitors, many leaving with bags full of purchases, having enjoyed carol singers and festive music. We had a guest appearance from Dominic Brunt (Paddy from Emmerdale), who showed a real interest in the centre while our MP Kate Dearden officially opened our new kitchen.

Thank you to all trustees, volunteers, members, users, supporters and followers who have enabled us to have such a successful year. I look forward to working with you all for continued growth and development in 2026.

Sheila Eastwood
Chair of Trustees



The kitchen before



.....and after



The children's clothing bank and swap shop



Local history talk with Jean Illingworth



Table tennis



Chat Lounge Christmas celebration



Christmas Fayre



Kate Dearden with Sowerby Bridge Rotary, officially opening the new kitchen

Treasurer's annual report

Summary

2023/2024 was a period of getting the Centre established and on a reasonably firm footing financially. We carried over into 2025 around £13k of funds. The Trustees decided we should spend some money on refurbishments, improvements and more publicity.

Hence, this year we carry over about the same amount of funds, having spent almost everything we earned in 2025.

Financial Period

This ran from 1st January 2025 through to 31st December 2025

Income

We had a gross income of £40,843.54 for the year. This compares with £40,775.03 last year, for the same period. Last year's R&P accounts show an income of £50123, but this included a grant received by the table tennis club of £1107, which we held until they had opened a bank account, so not our income.

Highlights of this were: -

Grants on the spreadsheet stand at £14,016.80, but we also had another £2,946.80 from Sowerby Bridge Rotary which they paid direct to suppliers for the kitchen. Hence total grant funding is £16,963.60. (2024 was £16,960.06). Council suggested we aim for £20k per year.

Hire charges came in at £25,166 (2024 was £21,361.75) Increase of 17.8%, council set target of 10%.

We have carried forward into 2026 - £13,560.63 (2024 carried forward £13,443.35), which was split into: -

	2025	(2024)
Restricted	£1,390.68	(£9,841.02)
Unrestricted	£12,169.95	(£3,602.33)

Grants

- Ward Forum Grant – £500 – Providing new curtains and drop-down screen in LG lounge
- Community Assets – £410 – Insulation in ET lounge & Thermal camera
- PCN/Locality Grant – £10,000 – Fob entry system, subsidising health and wellbeing users
- Sowerby Bridge Rotary Club – £6,000 for the Kitchen Refurbishment (£3053.20 as cash grant, £2946.80 direct to supplier)

Other Incomes

Donations - £986.87 (£728.34 in 2024) – Charity buckets and donation pots

Interest - £213.87 (£56.08 in 2024), but Bank Charges £60 for the Current A/C (£60 last year)

Membership - £455 (£330 in 2024) – increase due to increased number of members

Expenditure

Expenditure in 2025 was £40,726.26 (2024 was £32,751.71). Again, this does not include the £2,746.80 SB Rotary paid directly.

Top 3 Major Expenditure Items

- Kitchen Refit £11,118.76
- Fob Entry System £6,860.00
- Merchandise £981.77

Other significant expenditure

- Railings repair - £505
- Fire Sensors in ceiling void - £456
- LG Curtains - £450
- Manhole Repair - £420
- Leaflet racks & stands - £360
- Floodlights over each entrance - £321
- A3 Laminator & Shredder - £266 (£190 + £76)
- Invested in 6 more folding tables, now have 12 - £260

Points to Note

Licences – We have renewed the Music licence again this year, but have not renewed the TV licence, as no one uses it as a TV. Aerial has been tucked up in the roof void, just using it as a monitor.

Insurance – renewed this year through Coversure at a slightly reduced price of £2,169.08 (2024 was £2,314.20).

Utilities – Gas, Electricity, Water & Sewage - £10,838.67 (2024 was £7,677.33)

Numbers

We track hours done by users, volunteers, etc and utilisation of the Centre (*how much each room is rented out against availability*) as these have a direct impact on both income and expenditure.

Hours done

Trustees – 1,398hrs	-1% (27 hrs/wk)
Volunteers – 388.75hrs	-27%
Users – 2,626.75hrs	+31%
Contractors – 424.25hrs	+282%
Total – 4,837.75hrs	+ 19% (Council targeted 5% increase)

Numbers through the doors

15,072 in 2025 (10,909 in 2024) – 38% increase (Council targeted 5% increase)

Centre Utilisation

Over 2025 we got a total figure of 26.1% (2024 - 14.8%,) which is an 11.3% increase year on year (Council targeted 5% increase)

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| • Hall | 48.1% | 2024 was 45.8% |
| • LG lounge | 20.4% | 2024 was 6.3% |
| • ET lounge | 19.9% | 2024 was 4.8% |
| • Undercroft | 16.2% | 2024 was 2.4% |



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2025

To

Period end date
31/12/2025

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					
Grant	-	14,017	-	14,017	24,460
Donations	987	-	-	987	852
Interest	214	-	-	214	61
Hire Charge	25,166	-	-	25,166	23,081
Membership	455	-	-	455	330
Catering	-	-	-	-	160
Sundry	5	-	-	5	-
Fund Holding SBTT	-	-	-	-	1,107
Payment Error Correction	-	-	-	-	72
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,827	14,017	-	40,844	50,123
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,827	14,017	-	40,844	50,123
A3 Payments					
DBS	-	-	-	-	144
Subscriptions & Licences	281	-	-	281	364
Marketing	85	158	-	243	682
Technology	950	-	-	950	2,033
Basic Supplies	643	-	-	643	630
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	80
Insurance	2,169	-	-	2,169	4,375
Building Maintenance	3,330	122	-	3,452	5,055
Building Set up	914	1,166	-	2,080	5,071
Utilities	10,839	-	-	10,839	7,677
Refurbishment	5,398	12,039	-	17,437	6,826
Refreshments	60	-	-	60	163
Stationery	173	-	-	173	20
Miscellaneous	69	54	-	123	312
Printing	-	75	-	75	10
Training	-	-	-	-	19
Waste Management	713	-	-	713	-
Instruction / Training Fee	-	480	-	480	-
SBTT	-	-	-	-	1,107
Consultancy & Professional Advice	-	-	-	-	2,040
Payment Error	-	-	-	-	72
Merchandise & Publicity	948	-	-	948	-
Sub total	26,633	14,093	-	40,726	36,680
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,633	14,093	-	40,726	36,680
Net of receipts/(payments)	194	- 76	-	117	13,443
A5 Transfers between funds	8,260	- 8,260	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,716	9,727	-	13,443	-
Cash funds this year end	12,170	1,391	-	13,560	13,443

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	Current Account	3,014	92	-
	Savings Account	9,054	1,299	-
	Cash Float	102	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,170	1,391	-
	(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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
K. Grogan	K. GROGAN	3/2/26
A. P. Broadbent	A. P. BROADBENT	3/2/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
FOUNDRY STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2025

Charity number

1203818

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:

Date:

02/02/2026

Name:

Helen M Pedley

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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