

Old Farnley and District Community Association

Charity number 1206552

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Peter Allison	Chair & Trustee	Appointed January 2024
Sue Holliday	Trustee & Committee	Appointed January 2024
Councilor David Blackburn	Trustee	Appointed January 2024

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Principal address

Hillside Hall
Cross Lane
Farnley
Leeds
LS12 5AA

Bankers

Virgin Money
94-96 Briggate
Leeds
LS1 6NP

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 4th of January 2024

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

(a) To promote the benefits of the inhabitants of Old Farnley and district and the neighbourhood, (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together with the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; (b) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called "the centre") and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

The charity's main activities

The objectives of the community centre are to offer a range of diverse opportunities and support for everyone within the community. The association offers a luncheon club which is run each Monday to those living within the Farnley & District Community area. Leeds City Council's Youth Service operate from the centre with two sessions, one for juniors and one for seniors.

Some other activities include Mums & Tots, and Early Years session for those aged 0-5 which is run by Leeds City Council's Early Years.

The community centre is also available for private hire functions and is available for longer term hires and hosts Councillors surgeries each month. Tuesday evenings offer games of Cash Bingo which is accessible to everyone.

Starting in January of 2024 was the Farnley Community Café which has run each Friday 8am -12pm. The cost of food has been kept reasonable and affordable and during the winter period the community centre has been awarded small funding to become a Welcome space which has enabled the community centre to supply free warm drinks and cereal/toast and a warm welcoming space to those in need during the colder periods.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular Old Farnley and District and the neighborhood.

Achievements and performance

The community centre continues to have renovations and remodeling works completed to improve its offerings to the public as well as make the building a more accessible and welcoming space as well as meeting its legal compliances and obligations.

Major works during this year have included the installation of a gas mains supply to the building which has enabled the community centre to upgrade its heating, to gas central heating.

The hall has benefitted from new K2 radiators (5 in total), along with radiators installed in all toilets, entrance lobby and office spaces, which has helped to increase ambient temperatures throughout the building along with being more efficient than the older A/C units that were in use in the hall space only.

Along with the gas and boiler installation the building has benefitted from having a new secondary wall built in the hall along the main exterior wall which has given a cleaner & more aesthetically pleasing look but has meant that the wall could be insulated & have secondary double glazing installed to help with controlling heat loss from the building. Compliments have been well received from a number of the groups that use the space and have praised the new heating system.

To maximise on the gas installation the kitchen has also benefitted from having a new dual fuel range cooker which has made the cooking of meals more time efficient and in turn more energy efficient. The kitchen has also had a new cooker hood installed, griddle hot plates and a new backup upright freezer.

General maintenance has been carried out at the community centre and the community centre has benefitted

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from zero down time due to faults and failures.

Other works in the hall included alterations to the entrance, by creating a new entrance lobby as you entered the hall. The double doors were moved forward, and a new doorway was installed into the rear offices that have also undergone refurbishment. The offices have benefitted from new heating, redecoration and new flooring.

The last major works for the 2024 period at the community centre was renovation works to the ladies' toilets. The existing facilities were dilapidated and in need of urgent remedial works. The whole of the ladies' toilets was stripped out, and new plumbing and sanitary ware was installed along with the addition of baby change facilities. New cubicles were built, and the room was decorated.

Legal compliance has been at the forefront of all works and operations at Farnley Community centre. We continue to make alterations to our policies and procedures to ensure that we have robust plans in place.

In addition to day-to-day runnings we have run a number of events over the course of the year, some of which include our well-placed Christmas event which attracted circa 125 young people to see Santa.

The community centre celebrated its 50th anniversary and a celebration was held on the 20th of April to celebrate the day, along with a plaque unveiling to the late Anne Braviner. The event was well attended, and we had free entertainment along with a tabletop event within the community centre.

The community centre continues to establish itself within the community and is growing year on year with plans for further growth in the next financial year.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were a loss of £2,623, all relating to unrestricted funds. Albeit that the charity made a loss this is in large due to the much-needed renovations and modernisation that was needed at the community centre.


The charity had a savings account that was closed by Virgin bank due to the account been an historical account, and that balance was transferred into the charities main account in October of 2024 for the value of £13274.73, which is what has been used to support the healthy balance of the charity whilst the renovations have been completed.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £16,274.

The charity currently has no formal reserves policy but is aware of the need for one and will discuss this during the year.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on28/09/2025.....

Signed  (Trustee)

Name:Peter Allison.....

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Balance Transferred from previous charity 242846	
		2024	2023
		Total	Total
		funds	funds
		£	£
Receipts			
Grants and donations	(2)	2,906	320
Farnley Luncheon Club inc Happy Hour		4,640	5031
Room Hire		10,467	10,467
Solar panel income		1,273	1,389
Bank interest		233	205
Membership		240	240
Net Bingo Income		1,648	
Kitchen Sales		4,203	620
Total receipts		25,610	19,477
Payments			
Utilities		3,044	4,010
Rent and rates		206	54
Phone and broadband		630	359
Accounting Fees & Software		201	182
Bingo prizes and costs		3,703	409
Cleaning and refuse collection		1,156	1,025
Repairs and maintenance		764	1,380
Insurance		948	986
Toilet & Offices & Hall Refurbishment		3,074	
Central Heating & Gas Connection		5,796	
Kitchen Equipment		2,726	
Garden costs		50	50
Subscriptions & Memberships		308	308
Event costs		1,123	610
Farnley Luncheon Club (Food & Bingo)		2,109	2,123
Café Food Costs		2,299	
Donations		-	-
Sundries		751	96
Total payments		28,233	11,847
Net receipts / (payments)		(2,623)	7,630

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Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 December 2023

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Cash funds		
Virgin Money current account	14,699	7,020
Virgin Money savings account	0	13,425
Cash in hand	<u>1,575</u>	<u>1,749</u>
Total cash funds	<u>16,274</u>	<u>22,194</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on ...29/09/2025.....

Signed  (Trustee)

Name: ...Peter Allison.....

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted (general) funds and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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Notes to the accounts continued

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2 Grants and donations

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Armley helping Hands	850	250
Leeds Community Foundations (Luncheon Club)	1,556	
Voluntary Action Leeds	<u>500</u>	<u>70</u>
	<u>2,906</u>	<u>320</u>

3 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.