North Bitchburn Community Association CIO

Charity Number: 1208912

Report of Trustees

The Trustees being the directors of North Bitchburn Community Association CIO (“the organisation”) present their report with the Financial Statement for the year ending March 31st 2025

Trustees:

David Nevins

Ola Crown

Arthur Bateson

Elizabeth White

Anne Timothy

Jane Main

Stephen Todd

Daryl Beeby

Charity’s Objectives

The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a community centre and recreation ground and to promote events and activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of North Bitchburn and surrounding area specifically:

- providing facilities and opportunities for community development,
- to provide opportunities for education, sport, recreation, cultural and social activity.
- To carry out fundraising activities
- To improve and maintain the land and buildings previously known as North Bitchburn Cricket field and Pavilion.

Organisation’s structure and governance

The organisation has a board of trustees which directs development and is accountable for financial management. Currently there are no paid staff.

Risk Management

The organisation has a written risk management policy; as it is in development the current financial risks are low. The Trustees have carried out a risk assessment and are confident that, at the present time, exposure to risk is minimal

Achievements and performance

The trustees meet regularly and are securing a 30 year lease on the North Bitchburn Cricket field and pavilion at a peppercorn rent. The process of applying for and complying with further requests has been protracted but it is now almost complete and the organisation is confident that the lease will be granted.

The organisation has carried out a comprehensive survey of the villagers, put together a development plan based on the survey and research into other local provision and commissioned a feasibility plan with costings to upgrade the pavilion and field to a good standard. The feasibility study is complete which, together with the development plan, gives the organisation a clear picture of their forward plan.

Alongside the organisation's forward planning it has provided events and activities which have been well attended. These include:

Easter Egg Hunt

Summer BBQ

VE Day Celebration

Fireworks and Halloween + BBQ

Remembrance Service

Christmas activities

+ maintenance of floral displays and keeping the village tidy.

The organisations campaigns for traffic calming in the village and carries out fundraising activities which are well supported.

The organisation holds general village meetings of members to give updates and to gather ideas and feedback on events and activities.

January 2025

7/1/2024	AT Donation	5	
7/5/2024	Durham Council	175	
11/7/2024			Electric
7/30/2024	ATDonaton	5	
8/12/2024			Gas
8/28/2024			Architect
8/30/2024	AT Donation	5	
9/2/2024	Durham Council	175	
9/11/2024			Electric
9/30/2024	AT Donation	5	
14/10/2024	Football Card	90	
10/14/2024			Gas
10/15/2024	Fotball Card	10	
10/18/2024	Football Card	20	
10/29/2024			Fireworks
10/30/2024	AT Donaton	5	
11/4/2024	Football Card	10	
11/11/2024			Electric
12/2/2024	AT Donation	5	
12/11/2024			Gas
12/19/2024			Petty Cash
1/13/2025			Gas
2/11/2025			Gas
2/19/2025	Lucky No	24	
2/24/2025	~	24	
24/02/20254	~	48	
2/24/2025	~	24	
2/25/2025	~	24	
2/26/2025		48	
3/11/2025			Gas
3/24/2025	Dog Parliament	520	
3/24/2025	Dog Parliament	380	
3/31/2025	Lucky No	36	

£1,638.00

Columns B-D are receipts. Columns K-M are payments out.
Accounts for North Bitchburn Community Association for the Period 01/07/2024b to 31/03/2025.
Receipts and payments audited against Barclays Bank satements for the said period by E White and AJ Bateson 26/11/2025.
Credit balance as at 30/06/2024 £8584.96 and as at 31/03/2025 £7286.31.

27.71

24.48
2214

20.37

27.67

320

23.08

27.67
200
21.32
20.22

18.27

£2936,65