



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2024		1	April	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	North Mymms Youth and Community Centre		
Other names charity is known by	None	Registered charity	275285
Charity's principal address	North Mymms Youth and Community Centre		
	Station Road, Welham Green, Hatfield		
	Postcode	AL9 7PF	

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	James Bentall			Committee of the Centre
2	Hilary Carlen			Committee of the Centre
3	Samantha Bailie			Committee of the Centre

These three managing trustees are also custodians of the property which is leased by the charity, namely the Centre itself and the six acres of gardens, woodlands and playing field which lie around it, all of which are leased from the local authority. The charity has no formal advisers, although legal and other advice is purchased from suitably qualified persons when required. The charity has no staff and no Chief Executive.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the centre's committee

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;

trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is run by a committee comprising the Trustees and other volunteers, that meets regularly and is supported by a volunteer book keeper. In accordance with our constitution, the Trustees are de facto members of the committee; other members were are elected by members of the local parish at an AGM; or appointed by the parish council and local voluntary groups. Additional members may be co-opted for a period of up to a year.

The charity has relationships with the local organisations, licensees and individuals who use the centre. It has been operational for fifty years and is a valued local resource.

The charity has put in place a risk management policy and procedure whereby key risks are identified, assessed, and mitigated.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The central object of the charity as set out in our constitution is *To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish without any distinction, other than with particular reference to the young people of the parish, by a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the inhabitants through the development of their physical, mental and spiritual capacities.*

Statutory declaration

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit and are confident that their activities continue to comply with this guidance.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

The chief activity of the centre is to provide and maintain a venue where local people can meet for purposes which comply with our charitable objectives as set out in our constitution. Below is a summary of the activities and groups for which we have provided a venue, and how they relate to the different aspects of our objectives. We have been pleased that we have this year been able to reflect all of the areas of benefit to which our constitution refers.

	Focus on			Development of capacities		
	Youth focus	Education	Leisure	Physical	Mental	Spiritual
Regular users						
Youth club (10 -16 year olds)	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	
Ju-jitsu club (adults and children)	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	
Football clubs	♦	♦	♦	♦		
Dog training (adults)		♦	♦			
Boxing club (children/young adults)	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	
Personal training (adults)		♦	♦	♦		
Film Society			♦		♦	
Forest school (pre school)	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	
Light and Life Church (all ages)	♦					♦
Occasional events						
Family parties and celebrations	♦		♦			
Sikh celebration			♦			♦
Shia celebration			♦			♦

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

(Achievements from the early part of this financial year were also referred to in our previous annual report, prepared in September 2024)

At the start of the period covered by this report, we had been without a lease for almost a year, due to long administrative delays by the local council, our landlords. We were occupying the building under a series of temporary agreements, which did not allow us to make long term bookings, or commence the essential work required to modernise the building. This situation continued through the first half of the financial year, substantially restricting our operation.

A lease was finally agreed in September 2024, and since that time we have been focused on modernising and renewing the centre, to allow it to continue to meet its objectives through the 20 year term of this new lease..

This refurbishment included

- The development of the boxing gym and the studio, funded from our reserves and an individual donation.
- Reconfiguration of the building, with alterations to the foyer and several panel walls, to allow it to operate as two separate units, funded from our reserves
- Replacement of the defective flooring in the main hall and foyer, funded by a generous donation by the John Aphthorp Trust
- Refurbishment of the office, funded by a generous grant from the Parish Council and a personal donation.
- We have improved signage both inside and outside the building, to promote local awareness of our facilities.

This substantial refurbishment work, following the long period of restricted activity, has limited the number of bookings that we have taken. It has also inconvenienced our regular users, and we are grateful for their patience and support through this period. Although we have further refurbishment plans for the coming year, the work undertaken so far has already transformed the centre, and has been much appreciated by our users.

During the year we have moved from a temporary to a long term licensing agreement with the Hertfordshire Boxing Laboratory, who occupy the gym and also use the studio. We continued our long term relationship with the Hatfield Ju-Jitsu Club, the North Mymms Youth Project, Doodledash Dog Training and the Potters Bar Crusaders. We briefly hosted a Forest School for pre-schoolers and have been in negotiation, which we hope will soon be concluded, to establish a new nursery in the centre. We have also taken on two new regular users, a film society and the Hatfield Light and Life Church. In addition, we have hosted a number of family celebrations, birthdays and religious events.

We have enjoyed working with all our users, and we are looking forward to continuing to do so over the coming year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Under our financial policy, the Trustees and Committee have agreed a target level of reserves equal to 6 months of operating expenses, including rent and utilities.

In the course of this year, our reserves have dropped below this level.

This reflects:

- The massive increase in our rent, from a peppercorn to £14,400 per annum, introduced in stepped fashion during this period
- The major investment we have had to make in order to bring the centre to a modern standard and establish future viability
- The shortfall in bookings over the period without a lease and the period of refurbishment.

None the less, by year end we were able to return to the target level, as a result of successful grant applications, a gradual increase in bookings and some donations.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

At the end of the financial year, we had a deficit totalling £4,009, funded from our reserves.

The Trustees and committee were aware from the start of the year that we would continue to draw from our reserves in the course of the year. This reflects the period when we were funding ongoing overheads against a background of much reduced activity whilst waiting for a new

lease, and then the investment in refurbishment.

Without these expenditures being made, the Centre would not be viable for the future, and the use of reserves was approved by the committee and Trustees on this basis.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We were unable to appoint a Treasurer at the last AGM and did not fill this appointment during the year. The Trustees have had oversight of the finances throughout the year, and have been very grateful throughout the period for the support of a previous Treasurer/Trustee who kindly agreed to serve as volunteer book-keeper.

Our current financial projections give us a degree of optimism that the heavy investment made this year, including the expenditures of reserves, will result in the stabilisation of our finances over the next financial year, by which point the Centre should again be breaking even.




Section F Other optional information

It has been a difficult period for many of our committee and several have left us during the year. This has included our Secretary, Chris Wootton, who has been a linchpin of the team for many years, and Mick and Veronica Woodside who have contributed to the running and maintenance of the centre in innumerable ways. We are grateful to them for their dedicated contributions, and we wish them well for the future.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	James Bentall	Hilary Carlen	Samantha Bailie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee	

Date 15/7/2025

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Income and Expenditure Accounts

Year Ended the 31st March 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Income		
Lettings and Takings	19339	17045
Jumble Sale	1806	3413
Hire of Football Pitch - Less Expenses	1639	
Donations & Grants - See List	21180	8585
Quiz Night		0
Deposit Account Interest	454	417
	<u>44417</u>	<u>29460</u>
Expenditure		
Gas and Electricity	2350	4607
Water	319	384
Printing, Postage and Stationery	51	20
Telephone and Internet	713	61
Cleaning	3678	6289
Repairs - See List	23807	19156
Insurance	4157	3713
Rent of Centre	8969	
Paypal Charges	5	
Computer Hosting	88	53
Professional Fees - Asbestos Survey		570
PRS	205	155
Legal Fees Re Lease	3966	2748
Land Registry - Search		41
Centre Licence		0
Food Jumble Sale	23	0
Motor Vehicle Expenses and Travel	96	82
	<u>48426</u>	<u>37879</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-4009	-8419
Deficit for the Year	<u>-4009</u>	<u>-8419</u>

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Balance Sheet as at the 31st March 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Trade Debtors - Money Owed See Note	204	128
Prepayment of Insurance - See Note	1344	1288
	<u>1548</u>	<u>1416</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors - Money Owed by Centre	0	0
Football Fund	0	854
		<u>854</u>
<u>Cash and Bank</u>		
Bank Current Account	5338	2787
Bank Deposit Account	24707	32253
Cash in Hand	0	0
	<u>30044</u>	<u>35040</u>
	<u>31593</u>	<u>35602</u>
Financed by		
Brought Forward	35601	44021
Surplus or Deficiency for Year	-4009	-8419
	<u>31593</u>	<u>35602</u>

I have examined the Balance Sheet dated the 31st March 2025 and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account with the books and documents submitted to me and having received such information and explanations as required, I certify that the Balance Sheet shows a true and correct view of the financial affairs of the North Mymms Youth and Community Centre at that date.

Hon Auditor

Date

