

BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 287509

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-07-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF NORTH-EAST YEOVIL (INCLUDING THE PARISH OF YEOVIL WITHOUT) AND ITS ENVIRONS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS 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. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 2(B) OF CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 23RD MAY 1984.)

Activities: MANAGEMENT OF BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£32,978	£29,332	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,738	£19,918	-	-
2022-12-31	£19,562	£20,472	-	-
2021-12-31	£17,789	£18,559	-	-
2020-12-31	£39,590	£23,099	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Morley WADDLETON	Chair	
Emma Jayne Hopkins		2025-03-20
Tracy Hanley		2024-05-01

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

It has been very much business as usual this year at the Community Centre. The centre has been well maintained and well used by the local community. We started the year by renewing all of the curtains in both halls which has made a big difference in the look of the place. We also upgraded the Urinals in one of our gent's toilets.

At the AGM we decided to start putting together our own website to give us a higher profile and to make it easier for people to find us. Joseph Croker, one of our committee members said he is happy to build it with everyone having an input and hopes to complete it by next year May 2025. (<https://birchfieldcommunity.co.uk>). We also decided to cancel our usual summer meeting. This turned out to be a mistake as we were very busy working with third parties and outside projects.

In August we joined the newly formed Birchfield Action Group. (BAG). BAG is a group of local residents and organisations who are working together for positive change in the Birchfield Community. We have also struck up a relationship with sparkssomerset.org.uk who have started running a digital Café in conjunction with donateit.co.uk and sponsored by ABRI the local social housing group and ourselves. Sparks Somerset have also been helping us with some of our paperwork and updating some of our policies.

At the request of Birchfield Action Group, we set up a uniform rail to supply local children with donated school uniform free of charge, with access to the community every Tuesday. The Centre has also offered free use of one of our halls for uniform swaps/free/sale sessions if required.

We have had a defibrillator next to our entrance for two years now and it has been accessed a couple of times. Hopefully at no loss of life. We hope to add an emergency bleed kit in the near future.

We have recently teamed up with Able2achieve.org.uk who come once a month and do litter picking and weeding. We are grateful for the help they give us and hope to find some more demanding tasks as time goes on. We are also working with Discovery.org.uk. and their STEPS program of work experience clearing a large area of Brambles in the new year, following a request from the school next door.

We look forward to another busy year helping fulfil our community's needs.

Morley Waddleton

TRUSTEE

January 2025.

BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY HALL

SUMMARY ACCOUNT FOR 1st January - 31st December 2024

<i>INCOME</i>	Total
Hall Hire	24532.62
Water Rates Rebate	1246.26
Transfer from Savings Account	7200.00
Total Received	<u>32,978.88</u>

LESS EXPENDITURE

Water Rates	3726.52
Electricity	1674.00
Hall Maintenance / Repairs	684.54
Cleaning	4160.00
Hall Insurance	1717.68
Gas	2522.00
BT (Broadband / WiFi)	591.80
Window Cleaning	100.00
Booking Clerk Honorarium	700.00
Transfer to Savings Account	10000.00
Decorating	190.00
Rebecca Owens (Curtains)	2030.00
SSDC (Premises Licence)	180.00
Booking Clerk Phone Charges	30.00
Neil Cory	78.00
TPJ Cox	80.00
Westcountry Environment	203.94
SSDC	125.00
PPL / PRS	469.44
Brown and Brown Insurance	70.00
Total Expenditure	<u>29,332.92</u>

Trading Profit / - Loss 3,645.96

CASH AT BANK

Current Account

Opening Balance	529.88
Closing Balance	4175.84

Savings Account

Opening Balance	22249.93
Closing Balance	25359.81

Savings Profit / - Loss 3109.88

Total Trading Profit / - Loss 6,755.84

Birchfield Community Association
Accounts Examiner Report 2024

We the undersigned confirm that the attached trading accounts for Birchfield Community Association for the period 1st January – 31st December 2024 are correct as published with no concerns raised regarding financial controls.

A Watkins

D Thomas

J Pinder

(Signed on Original)

1st June 2025

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2020

The year started well with both our halls at the Community Centre booked out, almost to capacity.

At the end of year meeting last year, the committee had agreed to put some safety issues high on their agenda, but with both halls fully booked they new this was not going to be an easy task. The electrics in both halls were in need of updating to the latest regulations and this was going to be disruptive and some closers may be required.

Then came Covid 19 and the first Lockdown. This was devastating to all the groups both young and old that use our Centre.

A chance to get some work done maybe? Electrics updated and tested, internal decorating as required, a new fire risk assessment and some minor repairs and maintenance?

What is the point of doing this work with the Centre closed and the date of reopening unknown? Will our funds last to we reopen fully and will all our groups come back?

Then, thank God, a gift of a Government Grant to help us through this pandemic, covering our expenses, and for Covid restrictions to be put in place including signage, hand cleansing and enhanced cleaning.

Trying to find trades to work during the Lockdowns was not easy as most were furloughed and would not work even in an empty building. However, with perseverance all the work required to keep our customers safe has been duly completed.

We have been able to open in a limited way for short periods, between lockdowns, but when they say on the Government Covid 19 website that Community Centres can open but groups cannot meet, this means we have had to remain closed as all our users are groups.

Our Centre is ready to open fully, or with restrictions. However, many of our groups may not be. They may have lost too many of their members for a host of different reasons, to make a comeback.

We look forward to getting back to normal, whatever that may be, but I think it will be a year or two yet.

MORLEY WADDLETON

TRUSTEE

Birchfield Community Centre
Accounts January - December 2020
General Account

Income

Group / Individual Hall hire	£6,916.72
Council Hall Hire	£390.00
Water Rebate	£783.85
Transfer from Capital Savings	£4,500.00
Covid Support Grant	£27,000.00
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>£39,590.57</i>

Expenditure

Water	£4,218.00
Gas	£3,450.98
Electricity	£1,194.63
Cleaning Services	£4,240.00
Ceaning Materials	£256.52
Transfer to Capital Savings	£1,500.00
Repair and Maintainence	£3,656.76
Performance Licence	£180.00
Booking Honourarium	£600.00

Insurance £3,802.78

Total Expenditure £23,099.67

Adrian Watkins

Helen Laxton

Catherine Sparackman

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No other recommendation

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