

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED

England & Wales · Charity number 289010

Details

Other names TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK CENTRE FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED - THAXTED, CraftAbility

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-05-15

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OF UTTLESFORD WHO ARE AFFECTED BY PHYSICAL DISABILITY, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, TRAINING, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SHELTERED AND SECURE SURROUNDINGS, WITH THE AIM OF BUILDING THEIR SELF CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE.

Activities: Centre runs twice weekly day sessions throughout the year for mobility disabled people, who participate in remedial and rehabilitative occupational therapy to enhance their self reliance and social skills. The centre is purpose built and self contained. It is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£38,137	£29,315	-	-
2024-03-31	£27,812	£27,489	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,501	£21,885	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,374	£12,194	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,849	£5,200	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Clarson		2019-10-30
DAVID ROBERT BARNARD		2013-04-11
Diane Looker		2017-04-01
Judy Lorraine Weavers		2019-02-06
Nicholas Jeremy Wood		2022-03-30

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Report of The Trustees for the Year ended 31st March 2025

General

The Trustees have continued to organise local fundraising events with some success and have sought support from local charities and donors rather than appealing to larger scale organisations. This policy has been successful during the year and appears to be sustainable in the longer term providing we continue to seek all available opportunities that arise.

We are very grateful for the support we receive from the Hunts and Yardleys Charities in Thaxted, the Essex Community Fund, Saffron Walden Co-op Community Fund, Dunmow and Uttlesford Councils.

During the year we also received generous donations from Saffron Walden Rotary, Mr Hagger, J Staines, the Fowler, Smith & Jones Trust and the Gibson Walden Charity, as well as many other donations from Friends of the Centre.

We and our members continue to enjoy the essential service provided by Uttlesford Community Travel. This enables a number of our members to attend the Centre from locations outside Thaxted.

The Trustees are indebted to the Centre Manager and all the volunteers that have given their time to help to make the Centre a valuable creative occupational and rehabilitative resource for those adults living in the Uttlesford area.

We are very grateful for the generosity of Bentons in examining and preparing the Annual Accounts at no charge.

Activities

The Centre continued to run its customary programme of twice-weekly sessions throughout the year. This included a Christmas party and Fayre, a visit to a Garden Centre, a trip to the seaside at Clacton and an Easter Fayre.

The Trustees decided that the existing chairs, being of considerable age and not being suitable for continued use, should be replaced. To that end two grants were obtained to replace them and 34 new chairs were delivered in March. These are more comfortable and a big improvement on the former chairs .

Our social-media presence continues to bring us broader interest from individuals, volunteers to assist and members to join. Our Facebook page was used successfully to sell goods produced by CraftAbility members and volunteers.

We continued to have articles in the local press to communicate who we are, what we do and our long history.

Financial Review

The accounts show that the Centre had a surplus £8,822 (previous year surplus of £322). Receipts from all sources were £37,609 which included £6,991 grants and £11,700 from major donations. Fundraising was £4,549 and hire of the Centre increased to £3,098.

Payments were £28,783, including £13,663 transport charges and £3,800 on new chairs.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

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**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

President	Mr D Barnard
Vice President	Mr I Barnard
Chairman	Mr A Van Den Bussche until January 2024 Mrs J Perry from January 2024
Vice Chairman	Ms D Looker
Trustees	Mr D Barnard Mrs J Weavers Mr N Wood Mrs A Clarson Ms D Looker
Registered Charity Number	289010
Address	Craftability Dunmow Road Thaxted Essex CM6 2LU

**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Independent Examiners

Bentens
Chartered Certified Accountants
Abbey House
51 High Street
Saffron Walden
Essex CB10 1AF

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc
12a Market Place
Saffron Walden
Essex

Object of charity

To relieve and assist physically disabled persons by providing facilities for rehabilitation, training and participating in creative communal activity for such persons under sheltered conditions.

**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Trustees

No changes during the year.

Activities

The Centre continued to run its customary programme of twice-weekly sessions throughout the year, providing creative occupational and rehabilitative activity for adults living in Uttlesford with physical difficulties, together with a programme of social activities. Attendance at weekly sessions fluctuated between 12 - 18 members. Our dedicated volunteers and centre staff continue to provide a brilliant service to our members and must be commended.

Notable activities this year included Coronation celebrations, a narrow boat trip, CraftAbility 60th Anniversary, Christmas Fayre & Party, a visit from Dorothy the therapy dog and our Easter Fayre. Again huge thanks to our volunteers for their ongoing support at all of these events.

Our social-media presence continues to bring us broader interest from individuals to volunteers, companies to assist and members to join. Our Facebook page is used very successfully to sell goods produced by CraftAbility members/volunteers.

We continue to have articles featured in the local press to help communicate who we are, what we do and our rich history.

Financial Review

The Accounts show the Centre had a surplus of £323 (last year a deficit of £3,207). Receipts from all sources totalled £27,317 plus £495 interest. Payments were £27,489.

We had some successes in fundraising. A total of £3,630 from Dunmow, Uttlesford and Saffron Walden councils. Locally, from individuals and organisations, we were given £6,383 and from events and direct fundraising, we raised an impressive £8,436.

Fundraising

Reserves

Our reserve sits at £22,554 (up from £22,231).

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**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (Continued)**

General

The Trustees have continued to place emphasis on raising revenue from local fundraising events and seeking support from local charities and donors rather than appealing to larger scale organisations and this policy appears to be sustainable.

We are particularly grateful to Hunts Charity in Thaxted, Co-op Community Trust and to Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Uttlesford Councils.

We also received generous and welcome donations from R Sanford, J Staines, Mr Hagger and we are thankful for the continued support from both Saffron Walden Round Table & Rotary clubs.

We and our members continue to enjoy the excellent service provided by Uttlesford Community Travel in transporting our disabled members.

And a last mention to the generosity of Bentens in examining and preparing the Annual Accounts

This report was approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf.

MS D LOOKER
TRUSTEE

**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES 31 MARCH 2024**

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Amanda Prentice FCCA

Signed.....

Date.....

BENTENS

REGISTERED AUDITORS

CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

SAFFRON WALDEN

ESSEX CB10 1AF

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2024	2023
Receipts		
Sales and work done	1203	1140
Grants	3630	1500
Donations	7998	8541
Hire of Centre	2235	1080
Fundraising events	6353	1435
Members accounts	-	150
Members contributions	1555	729
Friends' contributions	-	345
Contribution to transport	4320	3507
Other income	23	74
	<u>£ 27317</u>	<u>£ 18501</u>
Payments		
Purchase of materials	173	444
Fundraising expenses	70	56
Transport costs	14801	12075
Electricity	1332	1416
Water	1202	604
Insurance	1511	1447
Gas heating costs	1673	1491
Honorarium	600	500
Repairs and renewals	-	158
Telephone, postage and stationery	665	476
Cleaning	1454	1028
Advertising	-	150
Celebration days and fayres	2500	-
Depreciaton of fixed assets	264	264
Payments to members	559	507
General expenses	685	1269
	<u>£ 27489</u>	<u>£ 21885</u>
Interest received	<u>£ 495</u>	<u>£ 177</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£ 323</u>	<u>£(3384)</u>

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

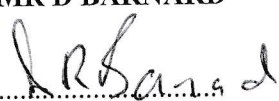
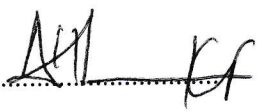
	2024	2023
Assets		
Stock of materials	100	100
Equipment	532	796
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	10663	10168
Cash at bank		
Current account	11193	10065
Cash in hand	<u>66</u>	<u>1102</u>
Net Assets	<u>£ 22554</u>	<u>£ 22231</u>

Represented by

Accumulated fund

General reserve	22231	25438
Surplus / Deficit for the year	<u>323</u>	<u>(3207)</u>
	22554	22231
Property maintenance reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated fund at end of year	<u>£ 22554</u>	<u>£ 22231</u>

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

.....)	
MR D BARNARD)	
)	
.....)	
MS D LOOKER)	Trustees
)	
.....)	
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**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
NOTES ACCOMPANYING AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Receipts and Payments basis, under Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

b) Fixed Assets

Assets are depreciated at a rate of 20% on a straight-line basis.