

**THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY**  
**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
<b>Receipts</b>		
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>
<b>Payments</b>		
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**

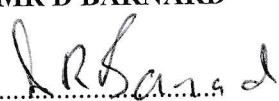

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Stock of materials	100	100
Equipment	532	796
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	10663	10168
Cash at bank		
Current account	11193	10065
Cash in hand	66	1102
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>£ 22554</u>	<u>£ 22231</u>

**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

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<b>MR D BARNARD</b>	)	
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<b>MS D LOOKER</b>	)	<b>Trustees</b>
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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.