

NORTHCOURT CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 300185

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1962-07-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CENTRE SHALL BE:A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF NORTHCOURT (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'THE AREA OF BENEFIT') AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS 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 CULTURE AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURETIME OCCUPATIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.B) TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND MANAGE SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CENTRE AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES AND SECTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: open meetings, classes, election rooms,club activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTHCOURT AND NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£61,221	£31,366	-	-
2023-12-31	£33,620	£23,945	-	-
2022-12-31	£34,453	£32,028	-	-
2021-12-31	£30,616	£15,849	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,108	£20,397	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Laura Buckingham	Chair	2024-02-21
Denise Duley		2021-05-20
SNEHLATA Patel		2018-12-05

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Signed:

D W King

Date:

6th February 2025

Name:

David William King

Qualification:

FCCA

Body:

ACCA Global

Northcourt Centre

Financial Report

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INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	2024	2023		2024	2023
	£	£		£	£
Bookings - Members	5,529.74	7,793.38	Cleaning & Windows	5,891.74	6,179.10
Bookings - Other	34,316.64	23,100.20	Electricity	9,963.36	8,417.50
OCF CBESS Grant	0.00	800.00	Water	751.61	719.50
VWHDC Grants	20,000.00	0.00	Repairs and Renewals	8,074.67	1,870.76
Donations	0.00	0.00	Insurance	2,910.30	2,649.54
Bank Interest	455.28	251.60	Chubb Fire	266.98	307.79
Fund-raising	919.50	1,675.12	Website (BT & Squarespace)	781.22	616.97
			Gardening & Grounds	660.00	488.40
			Community First	50.00	50.00
			Fundraising Activity costs	616.21	507.58
			New Age Electrical		180.00
			Virtual P A	1,400.00	1,800.00
			Oxfordshire IVC		100.00
			PAT Testing		58.80
TOTAL INCOME	61,221.16	33,620.30	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,366.09	23,945.94
EXCESS EXPENDITURE			EXCESS INCOME	29,855.07	9,674.36
TOTAL INCOME	61,221.16	33,620.30	TOTAL	61,221.16	33,620.30
Bank current account as at 31/12/2024	55,584.21	33,304.42			
Transfer to Deposit	0.00	-5,000.00			
	55,584.21	28,304.42			
Bank deposit account as at 31/12/2024	30,265.14	25,013.54			
Transfer from current	0.00	5,000.00			
Interest received	455.28	251.60	Total Expenditure in 2024	61,221.16	33,620.30
	30,720.42	30,265.14	Bank current account at 31/12/2024	55,584.21	28,304.42
Total income for 2023	61,221.16	33,620.30	Bank deposit account at 31/12/2024	30,720.42	30,265.14
	147,525.79	92,189.86		147,525.79	92,189.86

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Treasurer (D L Duley)

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Date:

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	£	£		£	£
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Bookings - Other	23,100.20	22,468.25	Electricity	8,417.50	4,571.72
OCF CBESS Grant	800.00	0.00	Water	719.50	362.54
VWHDC Grants	0.00	2,667.00	Repairs and Renewals	1,870.76	10,929.94
Donations	0.00	40.00	Insurance	2,649.54	2,573.49
Bank Interest	251.60	21.67	Chubb Fire	307.79	0.00
Fund-raising	1,675.12	1,205.49	Website (BT & Squarespace)	616.97	539.35
			Gardening & Grounds	488.40	1,080.00
			Community First	50.00	50.00
			Fundraising Activity costs	507.58	237.79
			New Age Electrical	180.00	
			Virtual P A	1,800.00	
			Oxfordshire IVC	100.00	
			PAT Testing	58.80	
TOTAL INCOME	33,620.30	34,453.42	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,945.94	32,027.81
EXCESS EXPENDITURE			EXCESS INCOME	9,674.36	2,425.61
TOTAL INCOME	33,620.30	34,453.42	TOTAL	33,620.30	34,453.42
Bank current account as at 31/12/2023	33,304.42	28,971.62			
Transfer to Deposit	-5,000.00	-5,089.66			
	<u>28,304.42</u>	<u>23,881.96</u>			
Bank deposit account as at 31/12/2022	25,013.54	19,902.21			
Transfer from current	5,000.00	5,089.66			
Interest received	251.60	21.67			
	<u>30,265.14</u>	<u>25,013.54</u>	Total Expenditure in 2023	33,620.30	34,453.42
Total income for 2023	<u>33,620.30</u>	<u>34,453.42</u>	Bank current account at 31/12/2023	28,304.42	23,881.66
	<u>92,189.86</u>	<u>83,348.92</u>	Bank deposit account at 31/12/2023	<u>30,265.14</u>	<u>25,013.84</u>
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Treasurer (D L Duley)

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Chairman's Report for 2022

2022 saw most of the Groups returning to use the Centre with one or two falling by the wayside due to continuing concerns regarding Covid19 and lack of membership.

I would like to thank Denise, our Treasurer and Sumi our Secretary for the work done during the year. Also Sarah King joined us in February to take on the paid role of Bookings Manager and I would like to thank her the efficient way she has carried out the position since taking up the role.

We had been lucky in obtaining Grants from the Government, totalling over £16,000, in respect of the Business Shutdown Scheme during 2021, and a further £2667 was received this year. The Treasurer will confirm that we are still on a Financially sound footing.

Following the Building Survey done in August 2021 the points raised have slowly been addressed although there are still many to be undertaken, although not urgent. One comment was in relation to the front entrance not being of safety glass or double glazed. A new door and screen has now been fitted, which improves the look of the building. This was paid for from existing funds but for any further Capital Expenditure grant funding should be explored.

We now have a regular Gardening Company look after the premises but I would suggest that this be reviewed at some point to see if a cheaper alternative can be found.

Last September I gave notice that I would be giving up my position as Chair at the AGM. After publicising the vacancy no one came forward so in desperation I placed an article in the Local Press stating that unless a replacement was found the Centre was at risk of closing. This did provoke a response and I am pleased to say a replacement Chair has been found and also 3 other Trustees have been appointed. Thanks to them for coming forward and they are here tonight.

Unfortunately there was one blight to this episode in that a Gentleman came forward and agreed to take up the position. He was in his 30's and full of many ideas to make improvements. He was so certain that he would go ahead I gave him a set of keys to the Building, only subsequently he sent an email resigning the position. I still await the return of the keys.

A new Constitution was agreed in September and this has been registered at the Charity Commission. This now sets out the Area of Benefit within which the cost

of hire is reduced. Also the main Committee members retire after 12 months and have to be re-elected.

The centre is a great asset to the local community and with the additional Trustees we now have a team in place to keep it going.

David Ward Chairman

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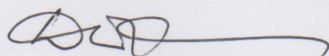
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Date:

4th February 2022

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David William King

Qualification:
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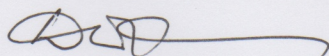
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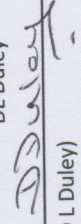
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Bookings - Members	8,051.01	1,496.50	Cleaning & Windows	6,797.94	4,262.49
Bookings - Other	22,396.25	11,431.81	Electricity	4,571.72	2,549.72
VWHDC Grants	2,667.00	16,573.00	Water	362.54	223.54
Donations	40.00	505.97	Repairs and Renewals	10,857.94	4,771.67
Bank Interest	21.67	2.00	Insurance	2,573.49	2,267.33
Fund-raising	1,205.49	607.18	Miscellaneous	0.00	404.83
			Website (BT & Squarespace)	539.35	141.80
			Booking Secretarial	1,580.00	960.00
			Gardening & Grounds	1,080.00	268.00
			New Age Electrical	3,305.04	
			Community First	50.00	
			Fundraising Activity costs	237.79	
TOTAL INCOME	34,381.42	30,616.46	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,955.81	15,849.38
EXCESS EXPENDITURE			EXCESS INCOME	2,425.61	14,767.08
TOTAL INCOME	34,381.42	30,616.46	TOTAL	34,381.42	30,616.46
Bank current account as at 31/12/2021	26,567.38	11,802.30	Total Expenditure 2022	31,955.81	15,849.38
Transfer to Deposit	0.00	0.00	Bank current account at 31/12/2022	23,881.66	26,567.38
Bank deposit account as at 31/12/2021	26,567.38	11,802.30	Bank deposit account at 31/12/2022	25,013.54	19,902.21
Transfer from current	19,902.21	19,900.21	80,851.01	80,851.01	62,318.97
Interest received	0.00	0.00			
Total income for 2022	19,902.21	2.00			
	34,381.42	30,614.46			
	80,851.01	62,318.97			

DL Duley

Treasurer (D L Duley)

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The Centre had a high level of usage prior to Lockdowns and at the present time we have 27 different groups registered.

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Chairman

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Bookings - Other	11,431.81	7,400.23	Electricity	2,549.72	3,095.23
VMHDC Grants	16,573.00	11,334.00	Water	223.54	233.67
Donations	505.97	25.00	Repairs and Renewals	4,771.67	5,114.62
Repayments	0.00	106.92	Insurance	2,267.33	2,129.67
Bank Interest	2.00	8.53	Miscellaneous	404.83	1,488.31
Fund-raising	607.18	528.00	Website	141.80	115.02
			Legal Fees		2,171.00
			Booking Secretarial	960.00	
			Gardening & Grounds	268.00	
			Covid Expenses		415.83
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TOTAL INCOME	30,616.46	25,108.33	TOTAL	30,616.46	24,892.33
Bank current account as at 31/12/2020	11,802.30	17,091.90			
Transfer to Deposit	0.00	-10,000.00			
Bank deposit account as at 31/12/2020	11,802.30	7,091.90			
Transfer from current	19,900.21	9,891.68			
Interest received	0.00	10,000.00			
	2.00	8.53	Total Expenditure in 2021	15,849.38	20,397.93
	19,902.21	19,900.21	Bank current account at 31/12/2021	26,567.38	11,802.30
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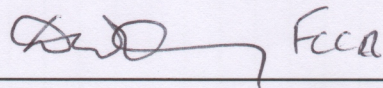
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