

BRANCEPETH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 504318

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1975-12-29

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFITS OF THE INHABITANTS OF BRANCEPETH AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE 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. B) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE/VILLAGE HALL AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE OR TO CO-OPERATE WITH ANY LOCAL STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH CENTRE/VILLAGE HALL FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Garden Club; Flower Guild; Snooker Club; Cinema Club; Youth Club; Tai Chi exercise class; PIYO class; Badminton Club; Archive & History Group; Yoga; Choir; Art Class; Knit & Natter; Coffee Morning; Jazz Night; Progressive Supper; Christmas Show; Quiz Night; Sunday Lunch club: etc.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRANCEPETH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£18,246	£15,921	-	-
2024-12-31	£15,146	£22,156	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,814	£15,910	-	-
2022-12-31	£11,702	£14,504	-	-
2021-12-31	£28,041	£13,777	-	-
2020-12-31	£25,783	£20,688	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Stoker		2019-03-28
JEAN MERRINGTON		2018-05-31
JOANNE DALTON		2015-07-23
Martyn Thomas Jones		2019-03-28
Valerie Gibbons		2021-09-01

Accounts

BRANCEPETH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21.

As presented to the AGM of 30 June.

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Although the hall has been closed, we have continued to provide support to the community with a number of initiatives - all following social distancing requirements - as detailed below:

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- Interactive online quizzes themed around the seasons and music – keeping people connected
- VE Day Celebrations
- Themed take-aways – using the hall as a collection hub
- Christmas Advent Windows
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- Easter Trail

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There have been a number of changes to the management committee. We have lost the services from the committee of Joan Taylor, Josie Armstrong, Margot Harrison and Peter Aitken. We wanted to recognise the work of those who have chaired BCA over the years, and we have produced an honours board which names all from the earliest days and will be updated over time.

We have contributed to an apple tree for planting in the allotments in memory of John Morgan and we have installed a seat outside the hall in memory of George Gibbons.

Subscriptions. Due to the extended closure we decided to alter the subscription year from now on to commence 1st July, thus giving members 18 months membership for 2020.

We have at last achieved cancellation of the BT contract for phone and WI-FI, with an effective date of 23 March last year. We have now contracted with PlusNet at a significant cost saving. The free website deal has been withdrawn and we now have a new web hosting service provided by a local company, with the owner a previous village resident.

Our bank balance remains healthy with further receipt of a Covid grant from Government. A sub-group has been formed to review potential green refurbishment options and these will be presented to the committee at future meetings for discussion.

Peter M. Aitken OBE

Chairman.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brancepeth Community Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Brancepeth Community Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: MRS. WINIFRED ALLEN LONGSTAFF

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 2 FOXES' ROW, BRANCEPETH, DH7 8DH

Date: 27/03/22.

Signed: 

Name: Peter L Burdett

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 2 The Forge, Brancepeth. Durham DH7 8EW

Date: 27/3/22

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3,370				
105	Various repairs	117.00		
54	PAT testing	38.40		
348	Hall Supplies	158.74		
24	Fire Check	24.29		
141	Hall Painting	1,456.00		
1930	New Stair lift	1,930.80		
166	Cleaning Materials	287.52		
150	PPL/PRS Licence	277.06		
128	Cinema Licence	98.33		
128	Chimney Repairs	1,960.00		
300	Tree Work	336.00		
300	Brancepeth Alive	1,038.99		
300	Stage refurbishment	3,070.79		
180	Skip	230.00		
180	Thank you gifts	198.60		
180	Ladder	209.99		
180	Printer	399.46		
180	Mobile Booster	307.00		
632	Memorial Tree	75.00		
632	Locks and Keys			
204	Dynamard			
190	Refurbish Chairs			
44	Water Filter			
100	IT talks			
70	Window Cleaner			
200	Joiner			
1999	Sound system			
2435	New Chairs			
141	Kitchen utensils			
252	Trolley			
172	New glasses			
772	Gate and Fence			
630	Garden maintenance			
215	Gas Service			
80	Piano Tuning			
11,528				12,552.72
82	Admin & Stationery	47.53	341.76	389.29
82	Stationery			
82	Glasscubes			
Sundries				
18	VE Day poppies + sweets	72.00	20.46	92.46
424	Donations:-			
250	Parish Magazine	100.00		
424	Bugle newsletter	160.00		260.00
20,701	TOTAL EXPENSES		20,687.79	
2,194	+ Surplus		5,094.93	
22,895			25,782.72	

1078	Hall Fire	371.00		
1886	Coffee Morning	424.90		
432	Tan Ch	91.00		
168	Choir	63.00		
330	PYU and Rhoecamp	122.00		
314	PCC/Voith club	72.00		
588	Badminton club	175.00		
476	Art Group	110.00		
540	Yoga	148.50		
24	Archives	38.50		
121	Parish Council	22.00		
190	Knit and Natter	45.00		
14	Casual Sports	72.00		
141	Garden Club			
260	Sunday Lunches			
7,354			2,125.90	
77	Gifts of Goods	20.00	20.00	
3008	Functions and Fund raising			
1316	Quizzes	269.50		
460	Christmas show DVDs	260.00		
268	Race Night	268.13		
140	Lads' Night	30.00		
68	Progressive supper	140.00		
673	Jazz Night			
490	Tabletop sale			
3008				967.63
150	Yoga	100.00		
2	Various donors	78.00		
500	J Graham			
320	For defibrillator			
972			178.00	
3000	Parish Council	3,000.00		
400	AAP for printer	400.00		
400	AAP for steps+safety rail	363.51		
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9400	DCC for Brancepeth Alive	940.00		
13,902	DCC for Covid disruption	13,902.50		
5000	DCC for Stair lift	2,000.00		
1000	Sir James Knott Fund			
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