

# SKERNE PARK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 504606

## Details

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**Other names** SKERNE PARK AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1977-02-25

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF SKERNE PARK 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 THE SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MANAGE THE SAME IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** MANAGEMENT OF THE SKERNE PARK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, COLERIDGE GARDENS, DARLINGTON. PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Amateur Sport, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** SKERNE PARK AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Darlington

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£11,122	£15,806	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,626	£19,349	-	-
2022-12-31	£11,477	£15,084	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,150	£28,056	-	-
2020-12-31	£15,412	£8,071	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
ANN FALLS		2012-03-08
ELIZABETH MARY MCCOLLOM		2021-09-14
ISOBEL JONES		
PAUL ALEXANDER OXLEY HARMAN		2014-01-17

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# Accounts

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**Skerne Park Youth & Community Centre Association**  
**Charity Registration Number 504606**

**Financial Statements**  
**For the period ended**  
**31 December 2021**

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# **Skerne Park Youth & Community Association**

## **Legal and Administrative Information**

**Name:** Skerne Park Youth & Community Association

**Charity No:** 504606

**Trustees:** Mr John Howard Monkhouse  
Mrs Libby Hamilton  
Mrs Isobel Jones  
Mrs Ann Falls  
Mr Paul Alexander Oxley Harman  
Ms Sue McGee  
Ms Libby McCollom

**Address:** c/o The Core  
Church Row  
Darlington  
DL1 5QD

**Governing Document:** The Charity is operated under its rules of association dated 27 December 1973, as amended 10 January 1977, 19 April 1984, 13 February 2008 and 31 May 2013 and is unincorporated.

**Bankers:** Yorkshire Bank

**Independent Examiner:** Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE  
20 Ennerdale  
Winlaton  
Blaydon on Tyne  
NE21 6PS

# Skerne Park Youth & Community Association

## Trustees Annual Report

### Objects:

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Skerne Park 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
- To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to manage the same in furtherance of the object.

### Achievements:

As in 2020 there was great disruption because of the Covid pandemic and the necessary curtailment of activities which might threaten the health of those taking part. Maintenance of the building and management of events took place during times of availability.

Earned income was only 40% of the level reached in 2019 due to Covid restrictions. However, groups began to run sessions when they were able to do so and party bookings and indoor soccer training resumed in the last weeks of the year.

Funding for some programmes has been secured by a grant from County Durham Community Foundation.

In 2020 Darlington Borough Council made a Covid Support grant of £10,000 and in early 2021 made a further grant of £1,334. We have used this to ensure the Centre is as safe as possible for our users.

Also in 2021 two other grants from Darlington Borough Council were given to the Centre. £12,000 was for work training and £13,000 recovery grant.

During the year we purchased a new, more efficient, boiler and an electric scrubber for cleaning the Sports Hall floor.

The programme of redecoration by volunteers continues and a number of redundant items have been sold or passed on to other non-profit organizations.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

### Future Plans:

We enter 2022 with a determination to renew and develop our service to the community. As and when Covid restrictions enable us to we shall seek to attract new sports and social activities, in order to ensure our sustainability.

# **Skerne Park Youth & Community Association**

## **Financial Review:**

It is the policy of the charity to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to a level that equates to approximately 3-6 months unrestricted expenditure. This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time. The current reserve is adequate to meet commitments made and to support modest new developments.

## **Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to comply with applicable law. The Trustees 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.

## **Signed on behalf of the Trustees**

Name.....Position.....

Signature.....Date.....

# Skerne Park Youth & Community Association

## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

### Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees of Skerne Park Youth & Community Association on Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 4 and 5

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner**

As members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Charities Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act;and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **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 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date

Signed



Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

# Skerne Park Youth & Community Association

## Receipts & Payments Account

For the period ended on 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021	Total 2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Voluntary Income					
Covid Grants			13,334	13,334	11,334
Other Grants		18,000	13,090	31,090	0
Charitable Activities				0	
Membership Fees				0	0
Associations				0	0
Centre Hire		645		645	1,765
Kitchen Sales		1,151		1,151	750
Projects				0	0
Bingo Door Money		389		389	303
Fundraising				0	
Fundraising Events				0	0
Bingo		726		726	540
Other Income				0	
Miscellaneous		75		75	0
Sports		1,740		1,740	720
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>22,726</b>	<b>26,424</b>	<b>49,150</b>	<b>15,412</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Charitable Activities					
Utilities		2,824		2,824	3,387
Repairs and Maintenance		1,072	12,000	13,072	623
Security and Alarm Costs		404		404	957
Telephone		939		939	864
Covid Costs		1,020		1,020	0
Licences				0	0
Events/Activities/Projects			4,046	4,046	0
Kitchen Purchases		993		993	448
Fundraising					
Bingo Purchases				0	0
Other payments					
Sundries				0	0
Miscellaneous		4,608		4,608	1,642
Independent Examination Fee		150		150	150
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>12,010</b>	<b>16,046</b>	<b>28,056</b>	<b>8,071</b>
<b>Receipts Less Payments</b>		<b>10,716</b>	<b>10,378</b>	<b>21,094</b>	<b>7,341</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash Funds Last Year End</b>		<b>20,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,113</b>	<b>12,772</b>
<b>Cash Funds This Year End</b>		<b>30,829</b>	<b>10,378</b>	<b>41,207</b>	<b>20,113</b>

# Skerne Park Youth & Community Association

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities For the period ended on 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Current Account		30,829	10,378	41,207
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>		<b>30,829</b>	<b>10,378</b>	<b>41,207</b>
 <b>Other Monetary Assets</b>				
Sundry Debtors		General Fund		0
 <b>Liabilities</b>				
		<b>Funds to which it belongs</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	
Independent Examination fee		General	150	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>				<b>(150)</b>

### Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities

Leasehold Community Centre Premises:

The Charity has a 50 year lease (from 1992) on its premises from Darlington Borough Council. During 2010 the Community Centre was allocated funds by Darlington BC from the Community Cash Back Scheme. The total released was £35,500 for security and external improvements. Various works were undertaken by Building Design Services on the Centre using this funding, including signage, entrance improvements, external lighting and CCTV.

**Signed and approved by one or two of the Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees**

Name.....Position.....

Name.....Position.....

Signature.....Date.....

# Skerne Park Youth & Community Association

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Period 1 to 31 December 2020

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### 1 Accounting Policies

These Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2000, and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP 2005).

### 2 Funds

The charity has one unrestricted general fund and one restricted fund at this time.

There are no designated funds at this time.

Fund Name	Balances b/f £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balances c/f £
Darlington Borough Council Covid Grant	0	13,334	(12,956)		378
County Durham Comm (Active Life)	0	3,090	(3,090)		0
Darlington Borough Council Training	0	10,000			10,000
	0				0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,424</b>	<b>(16,046)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,378</b>