

MOORENDS MINERS
WELFARE &
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

2020 – 2021

CHARITY NUMBER: 508926



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We hope this document provides an informative overview of our activities throughout 2020 - 2021 but information regarding all of our projects can be found on our dedicated Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/MMWCDC



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Moorends once thrived as a mining community, the miners who worked at Thorne Colliery contributed monies from their wages towards building community facility namely Moorends Old Peoples Centre [‘MOP’].

The MOP Centre was built to ensure that the mining community had a facility for the retired miners and their families to participate in and enjoy social and recreational activities at the heart of the community.

In 1959 Thorne Colliery was closed and the Centre was saved by committed and dedicated trustees who bought the property from CISWO and took over the running and maintenance of the building.

Local people have given their time freely and willingly to help support the Centre for the benefit of the local community especially the elderly. The Centre was renamed to acknowledge its heritage and connection with the local miners and in 2004 the community Centre became known as the ***“Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Development Centre”***.

The MMWCD Centre is a Charitable Building with a Management Committee of Trustees who provide line management and support to the Centre Manager, who is responsible for the day to day running of the Centre.

The trustees have a strong working partnership with ThorneMoor Working Group, who took the lead on the development and refurbishment of the Centre, accessing funding for it to be developed, refurbished, and expanded for the benefit of the local community and surrounding areas.

The partnership working with ThorneMoor Working Group enabled the building to undergo a major facelift which brought the building into the 21st century for the benefit of the elderly and disabled, present users and the wider community.

The refurbishment also enabled the Centre to capacity build and enhance the provision it provides to the wider community.

A first-class kitchen enables groups to run luncheon clubs for the over 50s, a selection of rooms including computer suite enables the delivery of craft sessions (card making, scrap booking, knitting, sewing, painting, jewelry making etc), chair based exercise, fitness sessions for all ages and abilities, youth sessions, cooking on a budget, family and youth cooking skills sessions, half term activities, parent toddler group, adult courses and training session, support to local groups, access to IT, support with CVs, Universal Credit, PIP, job search, network support and much more...



WORKING TOGETHER

Making a difference in the community of Thorne and Moorends

The Moorends Miners Welfare & community Development Centre has always worked closely with local voluntary and community groups, allotments, businesses, schools, statutory organisations, local councillors, and local authorities. These relationships proved a real asset when the Centre started plans to deliver food parcels to those in need across our community during the covid-19 pandemic.

The Centre has been linked with Fareshare, Tesco Edenthorpe for some time, collecting food that is close to its sell by date, which has generally been distributed among the users of the Centre, especially the older vulnerable members of our community and those families in poverty. During the pandemic, this food was used to contribute to food parcels that were delivered right across our community.

Through the Centre's work, delivering food parcels and activity packs to local residents whilst the effects of the pandemic were being felt, the Centre also worked with national companies, charities and organisations including Co-Operative, Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer, McDonalds, Iqbal Poultry, Khalsa Aid, The Real Yorkshire Pudding Co, B&M and many others, including generous individuals with links to our community.



The Pandemic also saw new volunteers come forward to help with the collection of donations and the preparation and delivery of food parcels.





FLOOD RESPONSE

Providing support and assistance to our community in any way we can

The November 2019 floods came out of nowhere and caused absolute devastation across neighboring communities but also had a knock-on effect on the lives of people in Thorne and Moorends. We opened the Centre to act as a support hub, receiving and coordinating donations from local residents, businesses, organisations and charities. We then were able to direct emergency food supplies, clothing, sanitary products and cleaning supplies to those who needed them. The generosity of the local community cannot be understated. It was incredible.

It was heartbreaking when the call for assistance came again in late 2020.

The Centre again provided a base for operations, with our volunteers out in neighboring Fishlake, as well as in parts of Thorne and Moorends, delivering sandbags to those who were again on flood alert. A repeat of 2019, with the added impact of the pandemic and many still displaced due to the previous flood, would have been very difficult for many to handle.

Fortunately, we did not see a repeat of 2019, but the Centre will always look to provide whatever support it can to assist the local community.





COVID -19

Supporting the elderly, vulnerable, lonely, disabled and those facing financial hardship

The Centre closed its doors in March 2020. We knew we had a role to play in helping to shield our most vulnerable and to continue to help those in need. We knew food parcels would be in high demand due to:

- An ageing population
- Health inequalities
- Deprivation levels
- Poverty including child poverty
- Struggling Families

The Centre is ideally placed within the heart of the local community. It benefits from excellent links into schools, local authorities, statutory bodies/ agencies, local business and the wider community. We mobilized our volunteers and made immediate contact with the local authority, informing them that we were ideally placed to be a community hub and that we stood ready to support the most vulnerable within our community.

Throughout 2020 and 2021, the Centre deliver thousands of food parcels to local people in Thorne and Moorends, averaging 200 food parcels delivered every week.

Every year the Centre has hosted a Christmas Dinner for pensioners and vulnerable members of the community. Due to the restrictions in place this wasn't possible. However, volunteers were able to prepare Christmas hampers to be delivered, which included all the main ingredients for a Festive dinner at home.

We also knew that loneliness was a growing problem and on valentines day, volunteers delivered chocolate flowers and treats along with food hampers to vulnerable and elderly residents.

In addition to food parcels, our volunteers prepared and delivered activity packs aimed as those in isolation who may be lonely. These included quiz books, craft items, colouring, crosswords, code breaker and word search books. We also provided a 24-hour support line and a local point of contact for residents with questions regarding covid-19 restrictions and for signposting to other agencies.









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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Room rental	11,385.00	Equipment leasing and maintenance	1,540.72
DMBC revenue grants	19,431.00	Property maintenance	1,602.80
Donations / fundraising	249.44	Water rates	291.39
		Lighting and heating	3,754.79
		Telephone charges	862.04
		Refuse collection	736.00
Restricted income		Gross staff wages including employers	
DMBC Fightback Fund	15,000.00	national insurance and pensions	25,395.55
DMBC WRD support	9,500.00	Advertising	1,227.50
DMBC Covid support	2,888.00	Accountancy charges	564.00
Awards for All	10,000.00	Insurance	2,183.80
Groundwork UK	500.00	TV Licence	157.50
SYCF	5,000.00	Printing contract costs	123.69
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	10,000.00	Stationery	940.71
HMRC furlough grants	19,060.90	Volunteer expenses	4,160.00
		Food parcels	2,914.21
		Equipment purchases	1,958.35
		Fareshare membership fee	625.00
		Excess of income over expenditure	53,976.29
	£103,014.34		£103,014.34

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

Brought forward:		Carried forward:	
Current account	40,379.11	Current account	94,355.40
General account	100.13	General account	100.13
Funding account	20.40	Funding account	20.40
Excess of income over expenditure	53,976.29		
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	£94,475.93		£94,475.93
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Development Centre

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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.

A. Thimbleby F.F.A.
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28th January 2022