



TRUSTEE REPORT 2024-2025

**MOORENDS MINERS WELFARE &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

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We are pleased to announce that we have a new trustee, Jane Marwood.

Trustees play an important role with an important legal responsibility. All of our of Trustees have valuable skills and experience to support the charity to achieve its aims and objectives. It is important for us to have trustees that are local, have shown true dedication to the charity, are fully aware of the work that is being done and will play an active role.

We hope this document provides an informative overview of our activities throughout 2024 to 2025. Further information regarding all our projects can be found on our dedicated Facebook page:

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MMWCDC](https://www.facebook.com/MMWCDC)



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Moorends once **thrived** as a mining community.

The Miners who worked at Thorne Colliery contributed money from their wages towards building a community facility; the Moorends Old Peoples Centre ['MOPC']. The MOPC was built to ensure that the mining community had a facility for retired miners and their families; a place they could enjoy social and recreational activities, at the heart of the community.'

Thorne Colliery closed in 1959.

The MOPC was saved by a group of committed and dedicated trustees, who bought the property from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation ("CISWO") and took over responsibility for running and maintenance of the building. Local people gave their time freely and willingly to help support the MOPC for the benefit of their local community, especially its elderly. The MOPC was renamed in 2004, to acknowledge its heritage and connection with the local miners and has since been known as the, **Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Development Centre** ("MMWCDC").

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 its improvement and expansion, for the benefit of the local community and surrounding areas.

Through partnership working with 'ThorneMoor Working Group', the building underwent a major facelift, brining it into the 21st century. It operates for the benefit of the entire community, including the elderly and disabled. The refurbishment has enabled the Centre to capacity build and enhance its provision to the wider community.

First-class kitchen facilities enable local groups to run luncheon clubs for the over 50's, as well as cooking skills and 'cooking on a budget' sessions for families and young people. A selection of multi-function rooms enable the delivery of craft sessions (card making, scrap booking, knitting sewing, painting and jewellery making etc.). We run chair-based exercise sessions, fitness sessions for all ages and abilities, youth sessions, half-term activities, parent toddler group, adult courses and training.

Our computer suite allows us to provide support to local groups and access to IT for those who may not have an internet connection at home. We are able to provide personal support with CV's, Universal Credit applications, PIP applications, job searching, network support and much more. The MMWCDC continues to support activities and facilitate public meetings. This includes hosting local meetings for the Community Engagement Team, attended by local police, the City of Doncaster Council East Area Team, Ward Cllrs and other Agencies.



The MMWCDC has also hosted consultation sessions for residents to have their input on projects including the Master Plan for Thorne & Moorends and Active Travel, Levelling Up Funds. The MMWCDC has worked in partnership with 'Well Doncaster' to consult with local groups and residents to identify local needs.

We have a great working partnership with the voluntary community groups based at the MMWCDC, providing help and support to:

- ThorneMoor Working Group
- Thorne & Moorends Youth Group
- Thorne & Moorends Healthy Living Group
- Bridging Generations
- Good Buddies
- Active Children's Zone
- Young at Heart
- Kids Fitness Zone and
- Monday Flyers

That's to name just a few!

We have the 'Country Woman's Association' who are now permanently based at the centre as well as 'New Vision Photography Group', and extended health & wellbeing activities including additional fitness sessions delivered by 'DCLT'.





VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer is someone who gives their time, skills and energy to serve others and contribute positively to their community and surrounding area without expecting any financial reward.

They dedicate their time and energy to make a real difference to help address social need and inequalities. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and contribute in many ways to the community through the delivery of many varying projects and activities support the local community, building community resilience and contributing to social cohesion.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering plays a vital role in both individual development and community well-being.

Here are several key benefits:

- **Community Engagement:** Volunteers strengthen communities by identifying local need and delivering projects and activities that help address those needs. Delivering vital provision and services that address issues such as social isolation, mental health & well-being, health inequalities, food and fuel poverty and bring people/communities together. Working with all age groups, young and old alike.
- **Skill Development:** Volunteering offers opportunities to develop new skills or enhance existing ones.
- **Personal Growth:** It promotes personal growth by boosting self-confidence, providing a sense of purpose, and expanding one's perspective through meaningful experiences.
- **Health Benefits:** Engaging in volunteer work has been linked to improved mental and physical health, reducing stress levels and increasing overall well-being.
- **Social Impact:** Volunteers contribute to positive social change by advocating for causes, raising awareness, and mobilizing resources to address societal challenges.

We have amazing volunteers who dedicate their time to making a difference, improving the lives of others. We recognise the amazing work they do and the importance of supporting our volunteers. Regular training is provided including qualifications such as:

L3 CACHE Working with Children & Young People

L3 Health & Safety

L3 Food Hygiene

L3 First Aid at Work

Safeguarding

General Data Protection Regulation



SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES –

Through Partnership Working / Collaboration /Community Engagement the centre plays an active role within the local community, providing help and support to groups based at the centre to deliver positive activities (*Examples below*)

LUNCHEON CLUBS: Wholesome cooked meals for those aged 50 years and above, a great place for people to come together, make new friendship addressing loneliness and isolation, mental health and wellbeing, food and fuel poverty.

ARTS, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES: From card making, jewellery making, basic arts & craft, cooking on a budget, to quiz books, indoor bowls, dominoes, cards there are lots of activities for the local to get involved with and enjoy.

ACCESS TO IT: Access to computers to enable job searches, CV writing, basic computer skills, help to apply for pensions, universal credit etc. It also enables access to computers to check emails, playing solitaire.

FOOD PARCELS: Since the covid pandemic we have continued to support our local communities through the ongoing cost of living crisis. We continue working with all primary and secondary schools within our community, as well as Well Doncaster and Doncaster East Area team to make sure that food is available for those most vulnerable and at risk.

YOUTH PROVISION: A Wide range of youth activities are delivered including a Friday Youth Group, half term activities, essential life skill projects which included cooking (learning how to prep and cook food)

WARM SPACE With the weather getting colder, many are finding it harder to heat their home with rising energy prices. As a welcome space we provide a safe, warm, supportive space to help residents through the winter months, relieving some of that pressure to heat your home. Providing a warm meal, a hot drink, access to Wi-Fi and friendly welcoming faces to provide help and support.

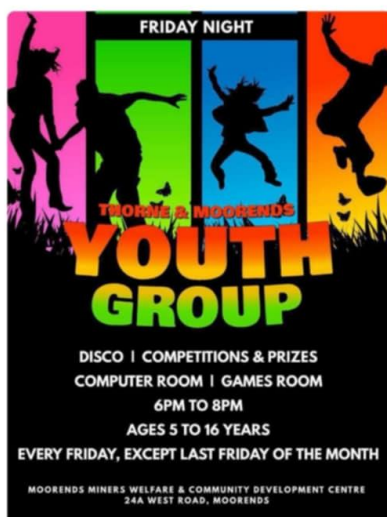
FITNESS SESSIONS: A wide range of fitness sessions, these activities are accessible and affordable and enable those more vulnerable to attend classes that are smaller and supportive improving physical health and supporting mental health and wellbeing.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE: The centre works closely with groups and organisations and offers as much help and support as possible, identifying the needs within the local community and how we can support / deliver/ expand activities for community benefit. Working proactively towards the sustainability of the centre to make sure that it is here for many years to come

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS: The centre working with Friends of Thorne Memorial Park have now started regular monthly litter picks

NETWORKING: The centre hosts the PACT (Police & Community together) along with PAG meetings (Positive Action Group). Lovely to see the schools and police visiting to speak with our older more vulnerable members, Also the centre manager visiting local schools to talk about the centres charitable work

Working Together we CAN Make A Difference





COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND – EAST

The centre became the host organisation for the East of Doncaster Community Investment Fund for both revenue and capital grants.



Community Investment Fund

Have you got a project that seeks to support your local community?
The Community Investment Fund, funded by City of Doncaster Council, can support your local project. Grants of up to **£2000** are available for grassroots and smaller groups. Collaborations of smaller groups or organisations, who may be looking to fund larger projects can apply for grants up to **£10,000**.

The Community Investment Fund can be used for many types of projects, including:

- Community Safety
- Environment and Green space
- Thriving Communities
- Youth Provision
- Businesses, Employment and Housing
- Local Amenities

To find out more about accessing the grant, contact Moored Miners Welfare at:
CIF@mmwcdc.org.uk

City of Doncaster Council

The East covers:

- Thorne & Moorends
- Armthorpe
- Stainforth & Barnby Dun
- Edenthorpe
- Kirk Sandall
- Hatfield

The funding is for project that seeks to support the local community. The Community Investment Fund is funded by the Better Care Fund with grants of up to £2000 available. Themes for the funding include:

- Community Safety
- Environment and Green Space
- Youth Provision and Community Pride
- Mental and Physical Health Support
- Businesses, employment and Housing
- Local Amenities
- Elderly and Vulnerable, Theme 8 Social Isolation.

The grants are managed by voluntary organisations within the community, and funds can be used for lots of different projects, including those that focus on local community priorities.

As an host organisation we provide the administration support for the grant which include providing the base for panel meetings, information regarding the application process, details of applications and supporting evidence to panel members to enable them to make an informed decision (*host organisations do not have an input into which organisations / applicants are successful or not*)



Below are some of the voluntary & community groups and organisations based at the centre:

Thorne & Moorends Regeneration Working Group

Thorne & Moorends Healthy Living Group

Bridging Generations

Thorne & Moorends Youth Group

Active Children's Zone

Kids Fitness Zone

Monday Flyers

Young at Heart

Over 50s

Country Women's Association

New Vision Photography

Good buddies

Thorne Moorends Neighbourhood Network

Moorends Welfare Working Group

Friends of Thorne Memorial Park

Doncaster CLT

Line Dancing

Crafting Fingers

South Yorkshire Community Foundation



COMMUNITY

The MMWCDC is well recognised within the local community, working closely with the groups based here to provide a wide range of activities for the benefit the local community, to help deliver positive change.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication, time and energy given by all those that support the MMWCDC and the groups to deliver these much-needed activities, working together to strengthen our shared goals to help deliver a lasting impact.

Sharing ideas, providing encouragement and support to help us to continue to grow, true community spirit sees people come together from individuals, schools and local businesses to make a difference.

We continue to work closely with our local community, and that partnership/ collaborative work strengthens year by year.

CONCLUSION

The centre was established in 1956 and is still here, over half a century later.

The MMWCDC is a real **grassroots** charity organisation at the heart of the local community. The trustees, staff and volunteers are dedicated to the aims and objectives of the charity to enable positive change within the local community.

MMWCDC's history shows its resilience, from providing support during the miners' strike, distributing the beef and butter that was given out to the unemployed, to the more recent times which has seen volunteers rally round to aid the community during floods, the covid-19 pandemic, the ongoing fuel poverty crisis and current high cost-of-living.

The MMWCDC is well respected and recognised for its good work and we intend to continue to work on behalf of the local community and be here for many years to come. Our provision will continue to have a lasting positive impact on our communities for a long time to come, promoting positive outcomes and continual improvement for generations.

We continue time and time again to help build our communities back, to help them recover and support them on that journey. The MMWCDC aims to continue and expand its activities to address local need, to engage in conversations, discuss ideas and explore new initiatives, to continue to be at the heart of our local community and to ensure we are responding to local needs to overcome barriers.

The MMWCDC is well placed within the community to continue to contribute to improving quality of life, raising aspirations and helping achieve positive outcomes to address the many varying inequalities, needs and difficulties facing our community.



ACCOUNTS

MOORENDS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

CHARITY NUMBER : 508926

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

INCOME

Room rental	6,720.00
Donations / fundraising	590.52
Interest received	13.34
Xmas raffle	294

Restricted income

Community Investment Fund	30,375.00
County Durham community grant	5,000.00
Household Support Fund 6	3,750.00
Household Support Fund 5	3,000.00

EXPENDITURE

Equipment leasing and maintenance	1,554.08
Property maintenance	7,279.46
Water rates	1,364.56
Lighting and heating	4,152.21
Telephone charges	1,606.30
Refuse collection	780.00
Gross staff wages including employers national insurance and pensions	41,001.82
Food parcels	7,146.22
Printing contract costs	241.50
Volunteer expenses	99.57
Training courses	100.00
Accountancy fees	1,035.00
TV Licence	169.50
Advertising	97.80
CIF grants	49,001.09
Home Alone Xmas dinner	612.08
A & E Funding	1,716.21
Fitness courses - Active Communities grant	100.00

Excess of expenditure over
income £68,314.54

118,057.40

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**MOORENDS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE****CHARITY NUMBER : 508926****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

Brought forward:		Carried forward:	
Current account	129,862.77	Current account	61,179.77
General account	100.13	General account	100.13
Funding account	20.40	Funding account	20.40
Petty cash balance	470.55	Petty cash balance	839.01
		Excess of expenditure over income	68,314.54
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	£130,453.85		£130,453.85
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During the financial year 2024-2025, the centre employed three members of staff.



PHOTO GALLERY









Mondays & Tuesdays
JULY - AUG 2024

Activities
Ages 5 yrs - 16 yrs

Breakfast Club
8.45 am - 9.45 am Breakfast Club (FREE)
Booking required

MIXED ACTIVITIES
10 am - 2 pm £1 entry
PSS, computers, crafts, pool, table tennis, air hockey, outdoor space

Meal Deal
Meal deal available or bring your own pack up

Family Cooking Session
Cooking session, prepare and cook food
Contact for details