

CHARITY NUMBER: 522026

ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

ACCOUNTS

2024

ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

Charity No: 522026

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the 15 month period ended 31 March 2024

PEEK PRACTICE LTD

**Amble
Northumberland**

ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

INCORPORATION:	The company was originally formed on 6 April 1966 by trustee deed from the National Coal Board, and the scheme governing the company was amended on 6 January 2005. The Charity Registered number is 522026.
OFFICERS:	<div><div>I Lavery</div><div>M Fitton</div><div>K Trebillcock</div><div>R Walkinshaw</div><div>G Balance</div><div>GS Bell</div><div>JC Wiggett</div><div>Mrs W Taylor</div><div>Mrs M Taylor</div><div>(Chairman)</div><div>(Vice Chairman)</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>(Elected 29 June 2023)</div></div>
SECRETARY:	J Dunn
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Hirst Welfare Centre Alexandra Road Ashington Northumberland NE63 9HF
ACCOUNTANTS:	Peek Practice Ltd 4 Bridge Street Amble Northumberland NE65 0DR
BANKERS:	Unity Trust Bank plc Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE 15 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The management Trustees their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

The trustees have adopted provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the Trustees are elected to serve for a period of four years, three years or one year if nominated and affiliated at the Annual General Meeting.

The organisation's main areas of interest are balanced and reflected in the diversity of the trustees. Where particular skills are required to complement existing trustees skills, individuals are approached to offer themselves for election to the board of Trustees.

Trustees Induction and Training

Trustees partake in an informal induction covering roles and responsibilities of existing trustees and themselves, the structure of the organisation and key partners. This is initiated by the Secretary of the Trustees.

New Trustees receive a trustee's nomination form from the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) asking for details of themselves and a history of their employment. A register is kept by the Trust and minuted. Charity Commission documents issued to the trustees include Useful Guidelines – Trustees Responsibilities and the Essential Trustee – what you need to know. Charity Commission News copies are distributed when received.

Risk Management

The Trustees need to conduct a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and establish a risk register to be updated annually. Whilst the majority of risks in the past have related to the operation of Hirst Welfare Centre, the trustees will continue to work with Active Northumberland on preparing and reviewing an annual risk register relating to the day to day operational running of the centre.

The trustees continue to review all policies and procedures on an annual basis.

Organisation Structure

Ashington Joint Welfare Scheme operates with a board of 7 trustees, who meet on a quarterly basis. At present all members are from a variety of backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

There is a facility to co-opt two further trustees if the remaining trustees determine that it would be in the interests of the charity to do so.

A scheme of delegation is in place, with a trustees sub-committee comprising of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and 3 other trustees who have delegated authority to investigate particular issues/ interests and make decisions where required ahead of full trustees meetings.

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Related Parties

In so far as it is complimentary to the Charity's objects, the charity is guided by local, regional and national policy, and of the trustees, three shall be appointed by the National Union of Mineworkers (Northumberland Area) and three shall be appointed by CISWO.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is;

The provision of a social welfare centre for the benefit of the inhabitants (and in particular, but not exclusively, such of the said inhabitants as are members of the mining community) of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

In 2014 as part of the trustees risk management review, it became apparent that the external funding environment, to which the trustees were reliant upon to deliver the range of community activities at an affordable rate, was to deteriorate further and potentially compromise the viability of delivering services for the community. To ensure the centre could continue to operate and deliver the services needed by the community, the trustees investigated a range of options which led to the establishment of a management agreement with Active Northumberland (Registered Charity 1153198) to take over day to day running of Hirst Welfare Centre. This agreement, which took effect on 1st January 2017, has ensured that Active Northumberland continue to deliver the many services built up by the trustees since 2004.

As part of the agreement the Trustees meet regularly with Active Northumberland to review operational delivery and performance to ensure the centre continues to deliver the objects of the charity

Services currently delivered from Hirst Welfare Centre include;

- Open Access Gym containing CV and free & fixed weight equipment
- Synthetic and grass football pitches providing a range of coaching opportunities, competitive league fixtures and informal leagues and competitions
- Ofsted Registered Nursery provision providing day care to children aged 0-5 years and funded early year childcare for 2,3 & 4 year olds
- Full range of exercise classes for all age groups and abilities
- Youth work programme supporting young people aged 11-19 years

In addition to this, the centre continues to be used by a wide range of external groups and organisations, including g; Crossroads Church, Parkhead & Wansbeck Powerlifting Club, Ashington Choi Kwan Do Club, Ashington Hirst Running Club, Weight Watchers, Simply Slim, Blood Donation Sessions and Northumberland NHS Trust Smoking Cessation sessions.

Plans for the Future

Ashington Joint Welfare Scheme will continue to work with Active Northumberland to ensure the continued operation and development of Hirst Welfare Centre.

The Trustees also remain committed to working with local partners to develop initiatives which meet the objects of the charity and which benefit the local community, Structure, Governance and Management.

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Financial Review

Against the current backdrop of limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has continued to be difficult to plan or develop services. Nevertheless, with the aid of sound financial management, the charity has been able to support its enterprises and other projects throughout the year.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. An unrestricted fund is required of at least 6 months expenditure. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital of the charity and the Management Committee are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The strategy is to continue to build reserves through planned operational surpluses, and this will be kept under review by the Management Committee through its regular meetings. In the short term the Management Committee has also considered the extent to which existing activities could be curtailed, should the circumstance arise.

Reserves Policy cont.

The movement for the year has been allocated to reserves as follows:

Unrestricted funds	13,558
Restricted funds	-
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	13,558

Total reserves carried forward at 31 March 2024 are:

Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	-	
	Undesignated funds	19,076	
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Restricted funds			6,496
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			25,572
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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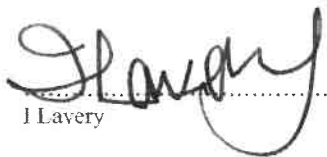
Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the Management Committee should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Lavery

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ASHINGTON JOINT WELFARE SCHEME**

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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 financial statements to be reached.



Mrs P Grahamslaw ACA
Peek Practice Ltd
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Date: 24 October 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

FOR THE 15 MONTH PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming Resources From Generated Funds</i>					
Grant income	2	-	-		-
Voluntary income	2	-	-		3,167
<i>Activities For Generating Funds</i>					
Trading operations	2	-	-	-	338
Rental income	2	-	-	-	-
Other income	2	25,624	-	25,624	-
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TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		25,624	-	25,624	3,505
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RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of generating funds	3	-	-	-	1,720
Cost of charitable activities	3	11,456		11,456	2,071
Governance costs	3	640	-	640	622
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		12,096	-	12,096	4,413
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NET MOVEMENT FOR THE YEAR		13,528	-	13,528	(908)
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	NOTES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	5	2,162,081	-	2,162,081	2,162,081
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CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		-	-	-	-
Debtors	6	370	-	370	484
Cash at bank		20,056	6,496	27,042	12,080
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		20,426	6,496	27,412	12,564
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DEDUCT: Creditors due within one year					
Creditors	7	-	-	-	-
Accrued charges	7	1,350	-	1,350	550
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		1,350	-	1,350	550
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,182,157	6,496	2,188,653	2,174,095
DEDUCT: Creditors due after more than one year	8	2,162,081	-	2,162,081	2,162,081
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NET ASSETS		19,076	6,496	25,572	12,014
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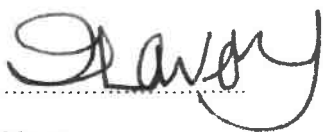
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RESERVES

Brought forward	5,518	6,496	12,014	12,922
Net movement in the year	13,558	-	13,558	(908)
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TOTAL RESERVES CARRIED FORWARD 9	19,076	6,496	25,572	12,014
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed on behalf of the management committee on 24 October 2024



I Lavery
Trustee

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income

Trading activities income is recognised when the goods are sold and or the service is provided.

Grant income is credited in the year to which it relates with the exception of grants which were originally given to erect the Centre itself. These grants are amortised at the same rate as the Centre and will always reflect the remaining unamortized balance attributed to the Centre.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable

Investment income is included when receivable

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Funding provided through contractual agreements and performance related grants are recognized as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognized when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating office property costs by floor areas, management and human resources costs by the number of staff, and finance and IT costs by work done.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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2. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grant income				
Charitable foundations	-	-	-	3,167
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	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income				
Donations	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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Trading operations				
Football development	-	-	-	-
Health and fitness	-	-	-	-
Café	-	-	-	-
Creche	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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Rental income				
Rents	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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Miscellaneous income				
General income	25,624	-	25,624	338
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-
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	25,624	-	25,624	3,505
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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Cost of generating funds				
General running costs		-		1,720
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		-		1,720
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Cost of charitable activities				
Direct costs	11,456	-	11,456	2,071
Staffing costs	-	-	-	-
Light and heat	-	-	-	-
Rates and water rates	-	-	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-
Insurances	-	-	-	-
Printing and advertising	-	-	-	-
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	-
Centre maintenance	-	-	-	-
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	-
Motor running	-	-	-	-
Staff travel	-	-	-	-
Staff training	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
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	11,456	-	11,456	2,071
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Governance costs				
Bank charges	90	-	90	72
Professional fees – Other	-	-	-	-
Professional fees – Accountancy	550	-	550	550
Professional fees – Audit	-	-	-	-
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	640	-	640	622
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4. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

During the financial year the company did not employ.

	2024 £	2022 £
Salary and pension costs	-	-

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2022: Nil)

No Trustee received any remuneration for services provided, nor did any Trustee receive expenses (2022: Nil)

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings	Office Equipment	Equipment and Fixtures	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 January 2023	2,886,563	-	-	2,886,563
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2023	<u>2,886,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,886,563</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 January 2023	724,482	-	-	724,482
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
On disposal	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2024	<u>724,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>724,482</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 March 2024	<u>2,162,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,162,081</u>
Net book value				
As at 31 December 2022	<u>2,162,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,162,081</u>

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	2024 £	2022 £
6. DEBTORS		
Prepayments	370	484
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7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
Bank borrowings	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-
Accrued charges	1,350	550
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	1,350	1,387
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8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling more than one year		
Unamortised grants	2,162,081	2,162,081
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9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	At 31 March 2024
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General reserve	5,518	25,624	12,096	-	13,528
Designated reserve	-	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	5,518	25,624	12,096	-	13,528
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RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Restricted funds	6,496	-	-	-	6,496
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TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	6,496	-	-	-	6,496
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