

CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 522045

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number	- 522045
Address of Scheme	- Fernlea Drive Scotland Gate Choppington Northumberland NE62 5SS
Trustees	- B Storey J E Young A Dickson N A Little J Coulter M Rice M Carmon C Wood
Secretary	- S N Rice
Treasurer	- S N Rice
Bankers	- Barclays Bank plc Northumbria House Cramlington Northumberland NE23 6QP
Independent Examiner	- J Wallage FCA CISWO (Trading) Ltd The Old Rectory Rectory Drive Whiston Rotherham S60 4JG

CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts which can be found on page 7 and comply with the charities trust deed, applicable law and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

Constitution, Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The charity is constituted by a scheme dated 8 February 2005 and is registered with the Charity Commission under the number 522045.

Its objectives are to provide a social welfare centre for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of Choppington and the surrounding area particularly (but not exclusively) those who are members of the mining community. The trustees have referred to the guidance given by the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and details of the activities that have taken place during the year can be found later in this report.

Organisational Structure

The trustees who have served the charity during the year are shown on page 1.

The charity is responsible for maintaining the premises and grounds in a suitable state of repair for use by those who live in the surrounding area. It raises income through various charitable activities such as hiring out its facilities for use by the public. In addition to this, the charity receives an occupational licence from its connected trading company, Choppington Social Welfare Centre Social Club Ltd and an agreement is in place whereby all the profits of the company are donated to the charity under Gift Aid.

Trustee vacancies are advertised and interested parties are asked to apply in writing. Interviews will be held and suitable candidates are then notified to their nominating body either CISWO, NUM or members. The Trustee Board is made up of equal numbers of each nominating body.

Financial Review

The charity had net outgoing resources of £52,223 (2024 outgoing £50,557) from the day to day running of the centre. Income from room hire has decreased by £4,234 to £9,958 (2024 £14,110) and income from catering decreased by £5,329 which shows the impact cost of living is having on the centre. The trading company Choppington Social Welfare Centre Social Club Ltd did make a profit this year which meant it was able to make a Gift Aid donation to the charity of £2,789 this year. Resources expended also decreased by £8,236 this year (2024 decreased by £7,758).

Review of Activities

The centre offers a variety of courses and activities, a licenced bar and community café offering a full range from simple snacks to cooked meals. Some activities have experienced a reduction in numbers attending. A full report from the secretary and Chair of Trustees which gives details of all the activities that have taken place over the year can be found in Appendix A, attached to the accounts.

Investment Policy

There is no specific investment policy in place as such but the trustees have taken the sensible approach and placed most of the charity's liquid assets in interest bearing accounts. This will provide a small amount of income for the charity in the form of interest but means that the funds are readily available should they be required.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the trustees to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level to provide sufficient funds to cover anticipated administration and support costs. Any additional reserves are held to provide a capital fund for repairs that will be required for the upkeep of the premises, including a future project to provide a MUGA for the community.

Risk Management

The trustees are aware of the operational and financial risks which the charity faces and regularly reviews those risks to mitigate against any impact they may have on the charity. The major risks facing the charity are the continued success of the Social Club from which it derives some of its funding, the support of individuals, groups and the community in using the facilities and the introduction of the younger generation to provide for the future. The trustees work closely with the directors and members to address these risks.

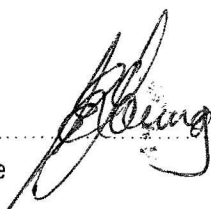
Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee



Print Name

SELOONG

Trustee



Print Name

B. Storey

Date

17.09.25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above named charity (registered number 522045) for the period ended 31 March 2025, set out pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' 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 2011 Act.

Independent Examiners 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....*J Wallage*.....

.....25/9/25.....

J Wallage FCA

Date

On behalf of: CISWO (Trading) Ltd
The Old Rectory
Rectory Drive
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CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Income and Endowments</u>	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
Income from leisure activities	2	11,185	-	11,185	10,874
Catering takings	3	8,863	-	8,863	14,192
Members' subscriptions		211	-	211	208
Room hire		9,958	-	9,958	14,110
Occupational licence		2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Gift aid donation	4	2,789	-	2,789	3,346
Donations		-	-	-	290
Raffles		115	-	115	-
Investment income		1,176	-	1,176	1,294
Solar Panel income		5,161	-	5,161	5,046
Total Income		41,958	-	41,958	51,860
<u>Expenditure</u>					
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>					
Catering purchases		2,840	-	2,840	2,679
Rates and water rates		2,803	-	2,803	2,577
Insurance		3,679	-	3,679	3,571
Light and heat		13,312	-	13,312	17,139
Repairs and maintenance		4,650	-	4,650	3,204
Cleaning and hygiene		1,296	-	1,296	1,427
Sundry expenses		121	-	121	166
		28,701	-	28,701	30,763
<u>Management and Administration</u>					
Salaries and wages		47,744	-	47,744	52,554
Telephone, postage, stationery and adverts		1,476	-	1,476	1,882
Accountancy		1,911	-	1,911	1,820
Entertainment and licences		1,816	-	1,816	2,114
Irrecoverable partial exemption VAT		1,047	-	1,047	1,320
Total Expenditure		82,695	-	82,695	90,453
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE DEPRECIATION		(40,737)	-	(40,737)	(38,593)
Less: Depreciation	5	(1,552)	(9,934)	(11,486)	(11,964)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(42,289)	(9,934)	(52,223)	(50,557)
Fund balances brought forward		211,337	469,067	680,404	730,961
Transfer between funds	6	(22,423)	22,423	-	-
Fund balances carried forward		146,625	481,556	628,181	680,404

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		557,580		569,066
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	7	4,214		4,898	
Debtors	8	12,784		13,579	
Cash at bank and in hand	9	60,505		98,865	
		<u>77,503</u>		<u>117,342</u>	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	10	(6,902)		(6,004)	
			<u>70,601</u>		<u>111,338</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u><u>628,181</u></u>		<u><u>680,404</u></u>

Represented by:

FUNDS

General funds	146,625	211,337
Restricted funds - Building Fund	481,556	469,067
	<u><u>628,181</u></u>	<u><u>680,404</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

17.09.25

Date

Print name

JOHN EDWARD YOUNG

CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Trust has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts.

b) Income Recognition

Income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when they are received.

c) Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is possible that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

d) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on all fixed assets with the intention of writing off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life. The rates applied are as follows:

Buildings	-	2% reducing balance basis
Furniture, fittings and equipment	-	20% reducing balance basis

e) Stocks

Stocks have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making adjustments for obsolete and slow moving items.

2. INCOME FROM LEISURE ACTIVITIES

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
Pilates Group	635	615
Tuesday Dance Club	1,692	1,502
Pool and Snooker	391	457
Carpet Bowls	587	595
Line Dancing	5,880	5,273
Choppington Community Choir	1,340	1,289
Centre Activities	660	1,143
	<u>11,185</u>	<u>10,874</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
3. <u>CATERING TAKINGS</u>		
Catering Income associated with room hire		
Food	2,784	4,467
Tea/Coffee	4,134	7,117
Catering Income from general café activities	1,945	2,608
	<u>8,863</u>	<u>14,192</u>

4. BAR TRADING ACCOUNT

From 1 April 2007, the bar trading activity was hived off into a separate trading company, Choppington Social Welfare Centre Social Club Limited.

The Company traded at a profit this year and therefore is able to make a Gift Aid donation to the charity of £2,789 (2024 £3,346).

	<u>Buildings</u> <u>(Restricted)</u>	<u>Buildings</u> <u>(General)</u>	<u>Furniture &</u> <u>Equipment</u> <u>(Restricted)</u>	<u>Furniture &</u> <u>Equipment</u> <u>(General)</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>					
At 1 April 2024	735,329	109,609	50,404	7,890	903,232
Additions in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>735,329</u>	<u>109,609</u>	<u>50,404</u>	<u>7,890</u>	<u>903,232</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>					
At 1 April 2024	244,420	32,033	49,823	7,890	334,166
Charge for the year	9,818	1,552	116	-	11,486
At 31 March 2025	<u>254,238</u>	<u>33,585</u>	<u>49,939</u>	<u>7,890</u>	<u>345,652</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>					
At 31 March 2025	<u>481,091</u>	<u>76,024</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>557,580</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>490,909</u>	<u>77,576</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>569,066</u>

6. TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year it became clear that depreciation charges have been incorrectly allocated to the restricted fund and accordingly a transfer between the funds has been made to amend this.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
7. <u>STOCKS</u>		
Catering stocks	2,199	2,556
Other stocks	2,015	2,342
	<u>4,214</u>	<u>4,898</u>

8. DEBTORS

Trade debtors	1,269	736
Balance due from Choppington Social Welfare Centre Social Club Ltd	7,924	8,481
Prepayments	3,591	4,362
	<u>12,784</u>	<u>13,579</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	£	£
9. <u>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</u>		
Barclays Bank - Current account	2,691	8,319
- Deposit account	56,722	90,546
Cash in hand	1,092	-
	<u>60,505</u>	<u>98,865</u>
10. <u>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</u>		
Trade creditors	717	498
VAT	319	736
PAYE	1,732	709
Accruals	4,134	4,061
	<u>6,902</u>	<u>6,004</u>

Secretary & Chairs Report to the Trustee's & Management Committee
For the financial Year 2024/25

This Year the Centre Celebrates it's 25th Year since we opened in the new building, the Trustee's are arranging for a day for everyone to celebrate this event. We are asking user groups to participate by providing the entertainment on the day and they will provide a buffet for all. Even though it is coming up 25 yrs we all still have very fond memories of the old Centre and just what we achieved over the years along with all the wonderful people who helped to support it and give us those memories. Our main aim then was to provide an amenity that people loved to come to and enjoy themselves our aim today is no different today, it is still the same nothing has changed at all in that time. We still want to be able to offer a very special service to our members & clients, a service that will keep them wanting to come back with confidence, time & time again. That being said life for everyone changed dramatically with the Pandemic we knew things were going to be difficult to get everyone's confidence back enough to be able to come back & support the groups many of them have been members of for 2 decades or more. Because the return of a lot of members has been slow or not at all I have spoken to a number of people since then as to why they are remaining at home & so reluctant to come back to the Centre, they said the fear that was built up during the Lock Downs with all the statements & public announcements that were made prevents them from having the confidence to come back amongst large groups of people. We have attracted a couple of new groups to use the Centre as a meeting place, however we do have a couple of user groups that are struggling for members to join them. We have had a couple of enquiries about using the Centre but their idea of room hire charges were too much of a difference, I think some people where energy costs are concerned are unaware of what today's charges are to run places like the Centre with energy costs to heat & light, water & wages. You know we get some people come into the centre expecting us to provide things for free I tend to think that is because in our name on the front of the building includes the word "Welfare"

Dancing is still a popular activity but not as popular as it once was "Old Time Dancing I mean" because there are so many different sorts of dance out there encouraging people to become part of them but not many of them manage to attract the huge numbers that old time dancing did. Having said that one style of Dance we started in the Old Centre last year celebrated 35th birthday, Known then as "Country & Western" people then said it was just another fad & wouldn't last but here we are our Group is in their 36th yr of Dance, Music & Friendship, they recently took part in an open air dance event with 5 or 6 other groups of the area. "Yes" the style of music they dance too has varied over the years anything from C&W to modern day Pop Music, with Dance choreographers creating dance scripts to suit the music. One of our Line Dancers has a dance she choreographed. A very "Big" special thanks to everyone who supports the Centre and we will keep you informed of the special event that is in the planning stage.

One other area that changed because of the Pandemic was the training we used carry out for clients because of the restrictions they reverted to online training, We are still delivering training sessions for some of our clients as the bookings come in, more clients are looking to resume their normality in offering training sessions for staff with us here in the Centre as they feel delivering training by zoom or online wasn't delivering the same level of Training.

It was evident from the way clients budgets had been now restricted as we are being asked to provide estimates for virtually every training session dates enquiries are made about. It does take quite a bit of time up but we don't mind that it has to be done because of the way the food prices have been altering at the suppliers & in the shops. Those making bookings for County Hall are asked to search for rooms availability at CH before making external bookings in fact because that was happening slowly they have now engaged a person that all event organisers of training events have to through her office???

Appendix A

The Choir now has a new choir master and they are rehearsing for a performance later in the year as well as being part of the Centre Celebration event.

I know I keep mentioning the Pandemic when we should be putting it behind us to look to the future but so much has taken place over the last few years that have come about since the Pandemic really, there have been many changes taking place with companies & Organisations that we have to work with and cooperate with most of which I have mentioned in our previous Reports.

Over the time while I have been connected with the Centre which is 45 yrs this year there are a number of people I have got to know they told me have decided to call it a day because of the extra demand on volunteers on their time they had available to do the job, I have to say I can see why. I have spoken with several people in an effort trying to get new Trustee's to take an interest but once they see the commitment they quickly decline.

Secretary..........S. N. Rice

Chair..........J. E. Young