

**THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Full Name:** THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE

**Registered Charity Number:** 523970

**Principal Address:** Thurgoland Village Hall  
Roper Lane  
Thurgoland  
Sheffield S35 7AA

**Correspondence Address  
(Treasurer)** 30 Carr Head Rd  
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**Trustees:** Harold Denton  
Margaret Denton  
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David Denton  
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Catherine Evans  
Rebecca Davies  
Patrick Finn  
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Sally Lukeman  
Jackie Travis  
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**Chair:** Patrick Finn  
**Vice Chair:** James Wallis  
**Treasurer:** John Anderson  
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**Bankers:** NatWest, 26 Market Hill, Barnsley

The Trustees present their report and accounts for 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

## **Structure, governance and management**

Thurgoland Village Welfare (formally known as the Thurgoland Miners Welfare Scheme) is registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, originally dated 16 August 1926, as amended by Deed of Variation on 17 July 1973 and subsequently amended by order of the Commissioners dated 9 February 2007. The affairs of the Charity are managed by the trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting by the membership. Membership of the Charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and who has indicated agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members as set out in the constitution.

## **Charitable aims and objectives**

The objects of the charity are: *To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time with the objective of improving community cohesion and the condition of life for the residents of Thurgoland and its neighbourhood.*

## **Activities undertaken for the public benefit**

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **The Contribution of Volunteers during the year**

The Charity could not function without the contribution of a large number of volunteers who help run the Luncheon Club for the elderly, the many who help with the Fun Day in July and those who help behind the scenes, locking and unlocking the Village Hall for functions, putting out bins for collection, minor repairs, clearing gutters etc. All the Committee members are unpaid volunteers and collectively their contributions help make the Village Hall and Youth Centre a vibrant social centre for village activities, promoting positive community relations.

## **Building maintenance in 2024**

The Welfare Committee have committed to a long term programme of building maintenance to update and upgrade its facilities for the benefit of the local community.

In February, paid for by an Awards for All grant of £19,803 and a Barnsley Pride of Place grant of £4,000, the kitchen was replaced by Penistone Interiors. The work included a new floor and a new electric roller shutter. This has been a great success and appreciated by the Luncheon Club and all who use the kitchen.

We had a grant of £3980 from ACRE and another grant of £9950 from Barnsley towards the £20,000 cost of installing 24 solar panels with battery storage in July to lower our electricity costs. In the Autumn there were fallen branches from a dying Ash tree by the path in the park and had to pay £1,500 for the tree to be pollarded. The Committee is now considering having the tree stump carved by a chain saw artist.

The tennis court had it's annual pressure washing / spraying for moss treatment in February at a cost of £566. There were various electrical issues with lighting/ boiler repairs and water heater replacement in the Youth Centre.

We also paid for 10 interior doors being replaced and painted and fitted with door closers.

## **Future projects for 2025**

We are awaiting the path from the Coronation garden to the main path to be constructed and work to improve drainage - both to be done in the next few weeks.

The dead Ash tree has been severely pollarded and has left a 12 foot stump which the Committee are considering hiring a chain saw sculptor to carve into something wonderful.

We recently had to hire Lightmain to attend to loose fastenings on the swings in the playground. They reported that in their opinion the remaining original swings (maybe 20 years old) should be replaced. While not dangerous we need to plan ahead for eventually replacing them. The Treasurer has applied for a grant from Awards for All (which is a long shot).

The hall stage curtains have lost the pulley runner and we are considering options. to restore.

## **Grants and Funding in 2024**

In addition to revenue from grants the Welfare benefits from regular private donations, either monthly or annually.

The Parish Council donated £606, being half the bill for grass cutting in 2023.

We had a grant of £1,500 from the Penistone Ward Alliance for constructing a path by the Coronation garden. Subsequently we had two further grants of £1,000 each from BMBC towards the cost of extending the footpath and digging for drains near the football pitch.

## **Luncheon Club**

Every Tuesday lunchtime a team of volunteers on a rota work hard to cook and serve a hot meal at low cost to anyone living alone over the age of 65. This provides a valuable social service providing a nourishing meal and helping to combat loneliness. They also arrange occasional day trips and social activities. The club continues to thrive with over 40 regular guests.

## **Thespians**

The Thespians performed the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk in February with great success and began rehearsing for Peter Pan to be performed in February 2025 with their new director Sarah Greaves.

## **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club continues to thrive, hosting many tournaments with local players achieving excellent results and attracting numerous teams from around the area.

Its members (and in particular, the groundsman Malcom Fowether) are to be congratulated for maintaining the green and facilities to very high standards. The Bowling Club used grant money from BMBC to upgrade the floodlights changing from halogen to LED lighting which is brighter and more economical. Unfortunately the club has suffered from a fungal attack on the green which has proved very expensive to treat. This has curtailed the ability of the club to host some tournaments as the fungal disease can make the green surface bumpy. This is an ongoing problem which other bowling clubs have suffered with no clear solution despite the groundsman's best endeavours.

## **TOOSC (Thurgoland Out Of School Club)**

This is held before and after school and in some holiday weeks, performing a valuable service to parents with work commitments. They are an entirely independent body with employed staff and they pay rent for our Youth Centre. TOOSC is over subscribed and the club continues to flourish.

### **Playgroup**

This club runs on Friday mornings, providing opportunities for mums and dads with babies and toddlers to meet, for the children to play and socialise and for parents to meet and share ideas and thoughts – a valuable service for the community.

**Stamper Dance** - This meets after school on Thursdays and continues to be very popular.

For other activities (Tai Chi, Walking Football, Netball, Healthy Bones, Ballroom Dancing, Sensing Spirit) see the website [www.thurgolandwelfare.co.uk](http://www.thurgolandwelfare.co.uk)

### **Village Hall Lettings**

The hall is let for a very reasonable fee (£15 per hour, £120 for the day) and is very popular for parties, celebrations and occasional weddings.

### **Football - attendance - weekly events**

Over the years the various regular activities have built up attendance, this is a rough idea of numbers attending - together with occasional social events and private hire for parties there are now over 600 people using the facilities each week. This is without counting the Bowling Club, which is also very popular in season.

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|-----------|------------------------------|-----|
| Monday    | Movement for healthy ageing  | 20  |
|           | Yoga                         | 20  |
| Tuesday   | Luncheon Club                | 50  |
|           | Walking Football             | 10  |
| Wednesday | Tai Chi                      | 20  |
|           | Sensing Spirit               | 40  |
| Thursday  | Healthy Bones                | 20  |
|           | Stamper Dance                | 20  |
|           | Penistone Dance              | 60  |
| Friday    | Playgroup                    | 40  |
|           | Ballroom Dancing             | 20  |
| Sunday    | Thespians                    | 30  |
| Plus      | TOOSC Monday to Friday       | 200 |
|           | Football teams & matches     | 30  |
|           | Netball in summer months     | 20  |
|           | Private hire & social events | ?   |

## Social Events

The Welfare organised a number of social events, including a Ceilidh, Essential Classix, Family Quiz Night, Church Christmas Fayre and Luther Soul. Unfortunately the Luther Soul concert had to be abandoned due to a village power cut, and the rearranged concert on 1 March has to be postponed until November because of John's family bereavement in America.

## Fun Day / Scarecrow Trail July 2024

Once again the Welfare organised a very successful weekend of activities. Rachel Marshall once again organised the Scarecrow Trail with the theme The Olympics to celebrate the Paris Olympic Games and the many entries were outstanding. Families enjoyed walking around the village finding and naming the scarecrows and then the village came together in the park for the Fun Day, with games and activities for the children and live music, bars and BBQ for the adults. A very happy community event. A photographic record of all the past 5 years of Scarecrow Trails is available to view on the welfare website. The theme for 2025 is 'Films'

## Thurgoland School

The school makes good use of our facilities especially for the summer musical and parties.

## Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 or other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed W J Anderson Date 9 March 25

W.J.Anderson  
Treasurer

**THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE Receipts & Payments for the period 1st January 2024 to the 31st**

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49559.69

48052.04

42177.84

74464.42

| 2023 | 2023 | RECEIPTS | 2024 | 2024 | 2023 | 2023 | PAYMENTS | 2024 | 2024 |
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| OPENING BALANCE B/F |  |  |  |  | END OF YEAR BALANCE |  |  |  |  |
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|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 1849.65   | Thespian Account | 2580.09   | 2580.09   | Thespian Account | 2043.19   |
| 51677.10  | Savings Account  | 35205.95  | 35205.95  | Savings Account  | 25121.10  |
| 465.99    | Current Account  | 23095.67  | 23095.67  | Current Account  | 5794.39   |
|           | Cash In Hand     | 492.88    | 492.88    | Cash in Hand     | 1762.24   |
| 53992.74  |                  | 61374.59  | 61374.59  |                  | 34962.21  |
| 103552.43 |                  | 109426.63 | 103552.43 |                  | 109426.63 |

I sign this as a true record of THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE Balance Sheet for 2024  
B. DENTON 16/02/2025

ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

OPENING BALANCE 1st January 2024 = £61374.59  
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2024 = £48052.04  
TOTAL PAID OUT FOR FOR 2024 = £74464.42  
FINAL BALANCE 31st December 2024 = £34962.21

EXPENSES ARE IN EXCESS OF INCOME BY £26412.38

