

**THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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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  
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The Trustees present their report and accounts for 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Thurgoland Village Welfare was awarded the **Community Group of the year 2025** by Penistone Ward Alliance for our many and varied services to the community.

### **History - our Centenary**

On 16th August 1926 Robert Mountain Swift a local land owner who lived at Copster, Thurgoland signed a deed that transferred about four acres of land, free of charge, into the care of the Trustees of Thurgoland Miners Welfare Recreation Ground and Institute. The land was to be used for the Recreational and Educational activities of the whole community and now provides us with the Recreation Ground and the land that the Village Hall and the Youth Centre, the Bowling Green and the Tennis Court now occupy. Mr Swift's gravestone can still be found in the village cemetery.

### **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 2025**

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 December 2024 the old wooden stage extension was replaced with a modern removable stage and in January 2025 Innovation Supplies brought us scaffolding and clamps to create side areas behind curtains for use in pantomimes and school productions.

The tennis court had it's annual pressure washing / spraying for moss treatment in February at a cost of £580. There were various electrical issues with lighting/ boiler repairs and water heater replacement in the Youth Centre.

The main door lock into the village hall was changed to an internal thumb screw for safety reasons.

The old wall lights in the village hall were replaced with more attractive uprisers.

In the summer the hall floor was sanded and sealed by Floor Angels.

The rusty old car barrier was treated and painted white which looks much smarter.

An 8 foot banner frame was installed by Nick Day to aid effective banners to promote events.

With grant support many new drains were installed to improve drainage on the football field.

The footpath by the Coronation garden was extended to join with the existing path and there have been extensive gardening projects planting spring flowering bulbs, wild flower seed and dozens of new shrubs and 100 trees both on the Coronation Garden and behind the path from BMBC.

A tree by the car park which was dying was professionally removed by Galloway Tree Services.

### **Grants and Funding in 2025**

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

Penistone Ward Alliance donated £295 towards the cost of the Scarecrow Trail.

The Parish Council donated £190 to pay for a Christmas tree and 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.

We had a grant of £5894 from Better Barnsley to promote young talent (see below).

### **Luncheon Club - celebrating it's 40th Anniversary and awarded Best Help for the Elderly 2025**

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 and it would welcome any new volunteers to help. No previous experience is needed and training will be offered. Help would be welcomed either every week or to go on a monthly rota.

### **Thespians**

The Thespians performed the pantomime Peter Pan in February with great success and began rehearsing for Goldilocks and the Three Bears to be performed in February 2026 with their new director Sarah Greaves. Both productions were very successful and proudly continues our village tradition of producing a pantomime (apart from during lockdown) every year for over 40 years, with 4 of the cast having taken major roles in all productions. The cast includes a wide variety of performers from 8 to 82 from old hands to first timers!

### **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 are to be congratulated for maintaining the green and facilities to very high standards. This year groundsman Malcom Fowether has retired and moved away from the village - he has been exceptional in his dedication to the club and will be sorely missed. Unfortunately the club had 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 but hopefully the members seem to have got it under control.

### **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 very popular and over subscribed and the club continues to flourish. Because of the success of the club space is an issue and the Welfare allows the children to use the hall as an overspill when it is otherwise not in use.

### **Playgroup**

This club runs on Friday mornings, providing opportunities for mums and dads with babies and toddlers to meet, play 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 or TOOSC.

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	?

## Promoting Young Talent

The Welfare received a grant of £5,894 from BMBC to promote young talent. We organised several free concerts and workshops for a number of groups, instrumentalists and singers to perform. The grant was spent on a quality Bose pop with mic and to pay for a mobile stage on Fun Day for groups and Talent Show winners to perform, which was well received.

## Social Events

The Welfare organised a number of social events. An early Luther Soul Night was postponed twice, for a village blackout and then for a bereavement, but when it finally happened in November it was a great success. We also put on a Swing Band with Local Vocals for Valentines Night which was socially a great success although we lost money as the band was expensive. We had an Essential Classix night in March and then a very popular VE Day Afternoon Tea which was sold out. In May there was a special concert featuring the Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir supported by the Bus Pass Buskers.

## Fun Day / Scarecrow Trail July 2025

Once again the Welfare organised a very successful weekend of activities. Rachel Marshall organised the Scarecrow Trail with the theme Films and the 40 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 special feature of this year's Fun Day was the mobile stage (like Glastonbury) for many young performers and groups to perform - a very happy community event. A photographic record of all the past 6 years of Scarecrow Trails is available to view on the welfare website. The theme for 2026 is History.

## Thurgoland School

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

## Thurgoland Church

The church makes good use of our facilities and holds both Spring and Christmas Fayres in the hall.

## 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 20 Feb 26

W.J. Anderson Treasurer

# **THURGOODLAND VILLAGE WELFARE Receipts & Payments for the period 1st January 2025 to the 31st December 2025**

2024	2024	2025	2025	2024	2024	2025	2025
RECEIPTS		RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		PAYMENTS	
SUPPORT RECEIPTS		SUPPORT RECEIPTS		SUPPORT RECEIPTS		SUPPORT RECEIPTS	
00.00		Bowling Club	200.00	4530.09		Heat & Light	2571.57
	0.00		200.00	1064.30		Rates & Water	1603.96
					5594.39		4175.53
GENERATED FUNDS		GENERATED FUNDS		GENERATED FUNDS		GENERATED FUNDS	
7956.50		Village Hall Functions	9076.00	31367.35		Repairs & Renewal	13834.31
1120.00		Lunch Club	1064.00	1212.00		Grass Cutting	1152.00
2140.79		Fun Day	1350.26	2353.09		Cleaning	3078.35
	11217.29		11490.26	1304.62		Waste Collecting.	915.05
				54.00		Play Ground Inspection	69.00
				36291.06			19048.71
DONATIONS & GRANTS		DONATIONS & GRANTS		EXCEPTIONAL		EXCEPTIONAL	
756.00		Parish Council	220.00	28850.15		Equipment	5921.08
6400.00		T.O.O.S.C.	6600.00	2151.09		Insurance	1906.94
536.90		Thespians	1000.00	195.60		P.R.S. Licence	288.00
3183.89		Fund Raising	2285.85	84.00		Other Licences.	147.00
1566.67		Gift Aid / Local Giving	890.24	687.20		Telephone/ Broadband	743.66
10221.83		B.M.B.C.	9789.00	610.43		Administration	958.18
14130.33		Other Grants & Donations	720.00	0.00		Bowling Club	300.00
				0.00			
36795.62			21505.09	32578.97			10264.86

INVESTMENT		INVESTMENT	
39.13		Interest From Nat. West.	581.44
39.13			581.44
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR		TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR	
33776.79		74464.42	

33489.10		TOTAL PAID OUT FOR 48052.04	
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2024	2024	RECEIPTS	2025	2025	2024	2024	PAYMENTS	2025	2025
OPENING BALANCE B/F					END OF YEAR BALANCE				
0.00		Play Group Account	241.29		241.29.		Play Group Account	0.00	
2580.09		Thespian Account	2043.19		2043.19		Thespian Account	1043.19	
35205.95		Savings Account	25121.00		25121.10		Savings Account	25687.12	
23095.67		Current Account	5794.39		5794.39		Current Account	8494.65	
492.88		Cash in Hand	1762.24		1762.24		Cash In Hand	24.84	
61374.59			34962.11		34962.11			35249.80	
109426.63			68728.90		79511.91			68678.47	
103552.43									

I sign this as a true record of THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE Balance Sheet for 2025  
 B. DENTON 18/02/2026

ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

OPENING BALANCE 1st January 2025 = £34962.11  
 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 2025 = £33776.79  
 TOTAL PAID OUT FOR FOR 2025 = £33489.10  
 FINAL BALANCE 31st December 2025 = £35249.80

INCOME IS IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES BY £287.69