

# NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102474

## Details

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Known as	NCC
Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following: a) To establish and manage the premises of St Mary's Hall, Newcastle as a community asset for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of South Down. b) Independently and by association with statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, businesses and others, to promote cinema, culture, sports, education, entertainment, social and community group activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for all and community cohesion. c) To promote film, cinema, the arts and culture by:- i. organising, promoting and delivering a programme of film, film-related events, arts and cultural events, including without limitation, film screenings, concerts, performances, workshops, exhibitions and discussions; ii. using film and cinema as a means of engaging the inhabitants of the area in communal activities; iii. advancing the education of the public in the knowledge and understanding of film and cinema, and arts and culture more broadly. d) To promote these and other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined for public benefit to wide and diverse audiences in Newcastle, Co. Down and its environs without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion. e) To advance environmental protection and conservation in our charitable purposes by promoting:- i. recycling and sustainable waste management; ii. sustainable means of operating and developing our charitable purposes.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of citizenship or community development, The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science, The advancement of environmental protection or improvement, Other

charitable purposes

**How the charity works:** Arts,Community development,Community enterprise,Cultural,General charitable purposes,Medical/health/sickness,Playgroup/after schools,Rural development,Volunteer development,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Language community,Mental health,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Unemployed/low income,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£115,562	£121,260	£0	2

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Lucy Royal-Dawson		
Mr David Goring		
Mr Matthew Grainger		
Mr Robert Manley		
Ms Felicia Matheson		

**NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA**

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# Accounts

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**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31.12.24**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations & Gift Aid	150.00	0.00	0.00	<b>150.00</b>
Grants	0.00	24,238.20	0.00	<b>24,238.20</b>
Legacy	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Fundraising appeals	91,173.69	0.00	0.00	<b>91,173.69</b>
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>91,323.69</b>	<b>24,238.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>115,561.89</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Fundraising	47,009.59	0.00	0.00	<b>47,009.59</b>
Cost of Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Grants & Donations	0.00	20,871.95	0.00	<b>20,871.95</b>
Governance Costs	50,012.18	0.00	0.00	<b>50,012.18</b>
<b>Asset and investment Purchase</b>				
Purchase of Equipment	0.00	3,366.25	0.00	<b>3,366.25</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>97,021.77</b>	<b>24,238.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>121,259.97</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,968.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-5,698.08</b>
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>27,968.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-5,698.08</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31.12.24</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23	74,370.01	0.00	0.00	<b>74,370.01</b>
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	-5,698.08	0.00	0.00	<b>-5,698.08</b>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.24	<b>68,671.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68,671.93</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities – Year Ended 31.12.24**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23	74,370.01	0.00	0.00	74,370.01
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	-5,698.08	0.00	0.00	-5,698.08
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.24	<b>68,671.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68,671.93</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	68,371.93	0.00	0.00	68,371.93
Cash in Hand	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<b>68,671.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>68,671.93</b>
<b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
ie equipment	7,574.09	0.00	0.00	7,574.09
Gift Aid accrued on donations at year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>7,574.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,574.09</b>
<b>Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
do you owe anything at year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Approved by the Trustees on 25.10.24 and signed on their behalf by:

Felicia Matheson  
Treasurer



Rob Manley  
Chairman



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# Accounts

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**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31.12.23**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations & Gift Aid	1,360.00	0.00	0.00	<b>1,360.00</b>
Grants	30,791.71	28,272.64	0.00	<b>59,064.35</b>
Legacy	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Fundraising appeals	54,050.64	56,539.36	0.00	<b>110,590.00</b>
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>86,202.35</b>	<b>84,812.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>171,014.35</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Fundraising	20,661.58	56,539.36	0.00	<b>77,200.94</b>
Cost of Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Grants & Donations	0.00	28,272.64	0.00	<b>28,272.64</b>
Governance Costs	31,889.64	0.00	0.00	<b>31,889.64</b>
<b>Asset and investment Purchase</b>				
Purchase of Equipment	5,682.72	0.00	0.00	<b>5,682.72</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>58,233.94</b>	<b>84,812.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>143,045.94</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,968.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>27,968.41</b>
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>27,968.41</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>27,968.41</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31.12.23</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.22	46,401.60	0.00	0.00	<b>46,401.60</b>
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	27,968.41	0.00	0.00	<b>27,968.41</b>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23	<b>74,370.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>74,370.01</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities – Year Ended 31.12.23**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.22	46,401.60	0.00	0.00	46,401.60
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	27,968.41	0.00	0.00	27,968.41
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.23	<b>74,370.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>74,370.01</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	74,070.01	0.00	0.00	74,070.01
Cash in Hand	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<b>74,370.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>74,370.01</b>
<b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
ie equipment	7,351.90	0.00	0.00	7,351.90
Gift Aid accrued on donations at year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7,351.90	0.00	0.00	<b>7,351.90</b>
<b>Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
do you owe anything at year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>

Approved by the trustees on 02.08.24 and signed on their behalf by:

**Felicia Matheson**  
Treasurer

**Rob Manley**  
Chair

**NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102474

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# Annual report

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# Newcastle Community Cinema

34 Main Street, Newcastle, County Down. BT33 0AE. NIC:102474

## Trustees' Report 2023

**Period of report: 1 January 2023 to 30 December 2023**

### **NCC Charity Trustees**

NCC's Trustees during the reporting period are:

Chairman	Mr Rob Manley
Treasurer	Ms Felicia Matheson
Secretary	Mr Matthew Grainger
Trustee	Dr Lucy Royal-Dawson

No other trustees served in this year.

### **How is the charity constituted and our governing document**

Newcastle Community Cinema is a constituted charitable organisation operating under its Constitution dated 10 February 2022.

### **Summary description of our purposes**

The Charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following:

- a) To promote film, cinema, the arts and culture by:-
  - i. establishing and managing premises as a cinema, arts centre and a cultural and social amenity;
  - ii. organising, promoting and delivering a programme of film, film-related events, arts and cultural events, including without limitation, film screenings, concerts, performances, workshops, exhibitions and discussions;
  - iii. advancing the education of the public in the knowledge and understanding of film and cinema, and arts and culture more broadly.
- b) To provide facilities and activities independently and by association with other entities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure activities with the object of improving community cohesion and the conditions of life of members of the public.

- c) To promote these and other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined for public benefit to wide and diverse audiences in Newcastle, Co. Down and its environs without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion.
- d) To advance environmental protection and conservation in our charitable purposes by promoting:-
  - i. recycling and sustainable waste management;
  - ii. sustainable means of operating and developing our charitable purposes.

## **Activities for the public benefit in 2023**

### **Public cultural events**

NCC provided weekly events for the public offering a varied and stimulating programme for many different sectors of the local community. Our main activities were film screenings and film-based events:

#### **Film Screenings**

NCC's regular screening profile continued at 8-10 screenings a month. We hired heaters to warm the hall in the period when the heating was not working. The newer threads of Toddler Club and Relaxed Screenings for families living with neuro-diversity bedded down, but the Baby-Friendly screenings for parents with babe-in-arms and Silver Screen for seniors did not take off as well. These will be revisited in the coming year. Seasonal programmes for Easter, Halloween and Christmas were again important features of the annual programme.

Teaming up with NI Science Festival, BFI Collective and the local Eats and Beats Music and Food Festival, we screened films to tie in with concurrent community and national events.

#### **Full Moon Film Festival November 2023**

In November 2023, we ran our annual film festival, screening 25 films over a two week period, attracting good audience numbers and feedback. The programme included screenings for schools and stop-motion film and make-up workshops for children. We received sponsorship from local businesses to fund the event.

#### **Additional events of public benefit**

In 2023, we continued to increase the availability of NCC to local cultural, social and community groups to offer a more varied, and locally relevant programme of events. These events attract people from all quarters of the local district. These included:

##### **NCC Markets**

Every month, we held NCC Markets indoors and outside giving local entrepreneurial producers and craftspeople a location to sell their wares and produce.

##### **Awareness-raising events**

NCC worked with local groups to hold awareness-raising events around important social issues such as the cost of living crisis, and health matters with the local GP surgery.

##### **Community group activities**

NCC provides a central location for local community groups to hold their annual competition fund-raising or prize-giving events, such as an annual drama festival, the local boxing clubs competitions, the local netball club prize-giving, fund-raising events for the local foodbank and a youth public speaking competition.

##### **Lyric Theatre production**

In March, we hosted an eco-themed play 'Waste-Busters' from the schools production team of the Lyric attracting young audiences.

## **Amateur Dramatics**

NCC has a large proscenium-arch stage well-suited for theatrical productions. We hosted a local amateur dramatics group to put on their play for 3 performances.

## **Regular hires**

Our regular hall users expanded to five weekly classes.

## **Volunteer mobilisation**

We operate with the support of a strong volunteer base and offer opportunities for people to get involved in running a cinema and community events. In 2023, we were able to offer meaningful placements to volunteers qualifying for Duke of Edinburgh awards. In addition, we attracted a number of young cinephiles interested in running a new screening thread 'Young Programmers.'

## **Achievements of NCC**

### **Staffing**

The presence of a full-time member of staff had a transformative impact on NCC's operations, allowing an increase in activities and presence in the town. Sadly, however, due to illness, the member of staff stood back in November on sick-leave for the remainder of the year.

### **Fundraising**

This year started with a funding campaign to raise funds to pay for a new heating system - Some Like It Hot. Through a combination of events, quizzes and a donation from NI Screen/DfC, we were able to raise £55,000.

### **Infrastructural improvements**

NCC closed in May 2023 so that the old oil-fired heating system could be removed and the new gas heating system installed. The interior and exterior of the building was re-painted to refresh the place for re-opening in June 2023.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy remains active and we continue to hold a reserve to address any future short-fall due to unforeseen closure and to cover emergency repairs to high-value essential equipment.

## **Declaration**

As Trustees of NCC, we declare that we have had regard of the Charities Commission of Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit and hereby report on the activities that have been carried out to further NCC's purposes for the public benefit.

Trustees' signatures and positions



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Robert Manley  
Chairman  
2 August 2024



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Felicia Matheson  
Treasurer  
2 August 2024



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Matthew Grainger  
Secretary  
2 August 2024



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Lucy Royal-Dawson  
Trustee  
2 August 2024

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Newcastle Community Cinema Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the payment and receipts accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role was to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Claire Heath

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: MIATI, Management & Business Studies BSc (Hons) (Queens University, Belfast).

Address: 6 Castlenavan Close, Loughinisland. Downpatrick. BT30 9FB

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

**NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102474

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# Accounts

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**Statement of Receipts and Payments – Year Ended 31.12.22**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations & Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Grants	8,000.00	29,918.90	0.00	<b>37,918.90</b>
Legacy	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Fundraising appeals	49,315.46	0.00	0.00	<b>49,315.46</b>
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>57,315.46</b>	<b>29,918.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>87,234.36</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Fundraising	30,106.61	0.00	0.00	<b>30,106.61</b>
Cost of Charitable Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Grants & Donations	0.00	29,918.90	0.00	<b>29,918.90</b>
Governance Costs	17,810.28	0.00	0.00	<b>17,810.28</b>
<b>Asset and investment Purchase</b>				
Purchase of Equipment	3,319.99	0.00	0.00	<b>3,319.99</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>51,236.88</b>	<b>29,918.90</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>81,155.78</b>
<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,078.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,078.58</b>
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>6,078.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,078.58</b>
<b>Reconciliation 31.12.22</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.21	40,323.02	0.00	0.00	<b>40,323.02</b>
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	6,078.58	0.00	0.00	<b>6,078.58</b>
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.22	<b>46,401.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>46,401.60</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities – Year Ended 31.12.22**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.21	40,323.02	0.00	0.00	40,323.02
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	6,078.58	0.00	0.00	6,078.58
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.22	<b>46,401.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>46,401.60</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	46,101.60	0.00	0.00	46,101.60
Cash in Hand	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	<b>46,401.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>46,401.60</b>
<b>Other Assets (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
ie equipment	4,961.57	0.00	0.00	4,961.57
Gift Aid accrued on donations at year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	4,961.57	0.00	0.00	<b>4,961.57</b>
<b>Liabilities (Unrestricted Fund)</b>				
do you owe anything at year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>

Approved by the trustees on 29.08.23 and signed on their behalf by:

**Felicia Matheson**  
Treasurer

**Rob Manley**  
Chair

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# Annual report

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# Newcastle Community Cinema

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## Trustees' Report 2022

**Period of report: 1 January 2022 to 30 December 2022**

### **NCC Charity Trustees**

NCC's Trustees during the reporting period are:

Chairman	Mr Rob Manley
Treasurer	Ms Felicia Matheson
Secretary	Mr Matthew Grainger
Trustee	Dr Lucy Royal-Dawson

No other trustees served in this year.

### **How is the charity constituted and our governing document**

Newcastle Community Cinema is a constituted charitable organisation operating under its Constitution dated 10 February 2022. The governing document was altered in February 2022 to include a new power to employ paid staff for the furtherance of our purposes.

### **Summary description of our purposes**

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- a) To promote film, cinema, the arts and culture by:-
  - i. establishing and managing premises as a cinema, arts centre and a cultural and social amenity;
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- c) To promote these and other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined for public benefit to wide and diverse audiences in Newcastle, Co. Down and its environs without distinction of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnic identity, political or religious opinion.
- d) To advance environmental protection and conservation in our charitable purposes by promoting:-
  - i. recycling and sustainable waste management;
  - ii. sustainable means of operating and developing our charitable purposes.

## **Activities for the public benefit in 2022**

### **Public cultural events**

#### **Animé Double Bill March 2022**

NCC held its first double-bill screening in March. Dedicated to animé, the event was Japanese-themed and attracted hardcore fans who came from near and far.

#### **Eco Film Festival June 2022**

Teaming up with a local climate change awareness group called Dolmens Climate Action Network, NCC held a three-day film festival of climate crisis-themed film with discussion or activity and hosted a Repair Café.

#### **Newcastle Hallowtides Festival October 2022**

NCC took up the reins for the first time to run the annual Halloween town-wide festival in Newcastle utilising a grant from Newry Mourne & Down District Council. Local shops and businesses displayed scarecrows at their premises as part of a Competition and there was a street party including a music stage, fancy dress competition, a firework display from the beach, street entertainers and several Halloween-themed film events.

#### **Full Moon Film Festival November 2022**

In November 2022, we ran our annual film festival, screening 25 films over a two week period, attracting good audience numbers and feedback. The programme included screenings for schools and stop-motion and animated film workshops for children. We received sponsorship from local businesses to fund the event.

#### **Special Screenings**

Teaming up with NI Science Festival, BFI Collective and the local Eats and Beats Music and Food Festival, we screened films to tie in with concurrent community and national events.

#### **Regular Screenings**

NCC's regular screening profile expanded twofold due to arrival of the new Venue Manager whose full-time status allows daytime screenings – see below. The additions to the regular screenings are Silver Screen to encourage seniors, Toddler Club for parents and toddlers and Baby-Friendly for parents with babes-in-arms. The monthly screening schedule was also expanded in March by the introduction of screenings for families living with neuro-diversity through the collaboration with Autism Support Kilkeel additionally supported by a grant from Arnold Clark.

### **Additional events of public benefit**

#### **Awareness-raising events**

NCC worked with several local groups wishing to hold awareness-raising events around important social issues such as the cost of living crisis, suicide awareness, PSNI & PCSP Coffee with the Cops and health matters with the local GP surgery.

### **Lyric Theatre Production**

We hosted an eco-themed play from the schools production team of the Lyric attracting young audiences.

### **NCC Markets**

Every month, we held NCC Markets indoors and outside giving local entrepreneurial producers and craftspeople a location to sell their wares and produce.

### **Regular hires**

Our regular hall users expanded to five weekly classes.

### **Volunteer mobilisation**

We run with the support of a strong volunteer base and offer opportunities for people to get involved in running a cinema and community events. Our base started to increase in 2022 with several younger volunteers enlisting to help out.

## **Achievements of NCC**

### **Staffing**

NCC was successful in its application to Department for Communities Art Work Programme to fund a full-time member of staff for three years, ending 30 June 2025. The Venue Manager post was advertised with interviews taking place in June. The new recruit joined in July 2022. The oversight and management of the premises and activities by a dedicated member of staff saw an immediate increase in activity and use of the premises.

### **Infrastructural improvements**

New lights for the stage were installed. A second-hand Digital Cinema Projector was donated to NCC. Plans to install it were started as it requires internal structural work.

### **Fundraising**

We recruited a fundraising consultant to scope available grants and develop a funding strategy. This was delivered in July 2022 and formed the basis for the development of a 'fighting fund' to raise money to replace the heating system, as outlined in our Strategic Plan. We received a grant from Arnold Clark to support neuro-diverse screenings and a film exhibition grant from Film Hub NI to support the installation of the new projector.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy remains active and we continue to hold a reserve to address any future short-fall due to unforeseen closure and to cover emergency repairs to high-value essential equipment.

## **Declaration**

As Trustees of NCC, we declare that we have had regard of the Charities Commission of Northern Ireland guidance on public benefit and hereby report on the activities that have been carried out to further NCC's purposes for the public benefit.

Trustees' signatures and positions



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Robert Manley  
Chairman  
29 August 2023



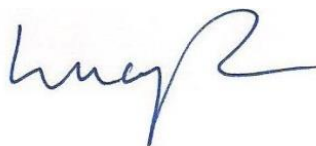
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Felicia Matheson  
Treasurer  
29 August 2023



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Matthew Grainger  
Secretary  
29 August 2023



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Lucy Royal-Dawson  
Trustee  
29 August 2023

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Newcastle Community Cinema Trust**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the payment and receipts accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role was to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Claire Heath

Relevant Professional Qualification or Body: MIATI, Management & Business Studies BSc (Hons) (Queens University, Belfast).

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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022