

CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 522045

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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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 J G Rice A Dickson S J Armstrong N A Little J Coulter M Rice
Secretary	- S N Rice
Treasurer	- S J Armstrong
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 2020**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2020. 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 £33,412 (2019 £36,756) from the day to day running of the centre. Income from room hire has decreased by £469 to £27,022 (2019 £27,491) and income from catering increased by £226. The trading company Choppington Social Welfare Centre Social Club Ltd made a profit again this year and therefore was able to make a Gift Aid donation to the charity of £7,931 (2019 £8,443). Resources expended decreased by £4,545 (2019 increased by £4,017).

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 2020

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 works closely with the directors and members to address these risks.

Impact of COVID-19

In line with Government direction, the charity ceased all activities in March 2020. The trustees plan to resume activity at a time considered appropriate and when allowed to do so, obviously following best practice guidance available at the time. The long term impact of the pandemic on the activities and finances of the charity cannot be assessed at the time of signing these accounts.

The trustees are carefully managing the charity's finances and are satisfied that it will be able to continue to meet its obligations for the foreseeable future.

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.

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Trustee

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Print Name

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Trustee

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Print Name

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Date

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 2020, 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.

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J Wallage FCA

On behalf of: CISWO (Trading) Ltd
The Old Rectory
Rectory Drive
Whiston
Rotherham
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S60 4JG

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Date

CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

		<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Income and Endowments</u>	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£	£
Income from leisure activities	2	12,663	-	12,663	15,530
Catering takings	3	42,281	-	42,281	42,055
Members' subscriptions		529	-	529	382
Room hire		27,022	-	27,022	27,491
Occupational licence		2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Gift aid donation		7,931	-	7,931	8,443
Investment income		388	-	388	352
Solar Panel income		3,705	-	3,705	4,366
Donations		1,240	-	1,240	120
Total Income		<u>98,259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,259</u>	<u>101,239</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>					
<u>Direct Charitable Expenditure</u>					
Catering purchases		8,269	-	8,269	8,553
Rates and water rates		4,095	-	4,095	2,583
Insurance		2,821	-	2,821	2,797
Light and heat		12,511	-	12,511	12,584
Repairs and maintenance		12,289	-	12,289	19,043
Cleaning and hygiene		1,705	-	1,705	2,051
Sundry expenses		142	-	142	1,213
		<u>41,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,832</u>	<u>48,824</u>
<u>Management and Administration</u>					
Salaries and wages		69,874	-	69,874	69,547
Telephone, postage, stationery and adverts		2,888	-	2,888	3,106
Accountancy		1,623	-	1,623	1,583
Entertainment and licences		1,091	-	1,091	1,523
Irrecoverable partial exemption VAT		1,324	-	1,324	-
Total Expenditure		<u>118,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,632</u>	<u>124,583</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE DEPRECIATION		(20,373)	-	(20,373)	(23,344)
Depreciation	5	1,822	11,217	13,039	13,412
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(22,195)	(11,217)	(33,412)	(36,756)
Fund balances brought forward		326,234	522,440	848,674	885,430
Fund balances carried forward		<u>304,039</u>	<u>511,223</u>	<u>815,262</u>	<u>848,674</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		618,174		631,213
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	6	5,282		4,766	
Debtors	7	29,156		30,746	
Cash at bank and in hand	8	170,762		188,620	
		<u>205,200</u>		<u>224,132</u>	
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within one year	9	(8,112)		(6,671)	
			197,088		217,461
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>815,262</u>		<u>848,674</u>

Represented by:

FUNDS

General funds	304,039	326,234
Restricted funds - Building Fund	511,223	522,440
	<u>815,262</u>	<u>848,674</u>

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

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Trustee

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Print name

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Date

CHOPPINGTON SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
Pilates Group	630	840
Tuesday Dance Club	1,635	1,628
Pool and Snooker	1,484	1,692
Sunday Dance Club	467	486
Carpet Bowls	641	648
Line Dancing	4,730	5,660
Computer Club (net of related expenses)	715	987
Choppington Community Choir	1,230	1,340
Centre Activities	1,718	2,566
Pantomime (net of expenses)	(587)	(317)
	<u>12,663</u>	<u>15,530</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
3. <u>CATERING TAKINGS</u>		
Catering Income associated with room hire		
Food	15,455	20,030
Tea/Coffee	19,430	16,464
Catering Income from general café activities	7,396	5,561
	<u>42,281</u>	<u>42,055</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 £7,931 (2019 £8,443).

	<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 2019	735,329	109,609	50,404	7,890	903,232
Additions in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2020	<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 2019	192,239	23,789	48,631	7,360	272,019
Charge for the year	10,862	1,716	355	106	13,039
At 31 March 2020	<u>203,101</u>	<u>25,505</u>	<u>48,986</u>	<u>7,466</u>	<u>285,058</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>					
At 31 March 2020	<u>532,228</u>	<u>84,104</u>	<u>1,418</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>618,174</u>
At 31 March 2019	<u>543,090</u>	<u>85,820</u>	<u>1,773</u>	<u>530</u>	<u>631,213</u>

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
6. <u>STOCKS</u>		
Catering stocks	3,340	2,894
Other stocks	1,942	1,872
	<u>5,282</u>	<u>4,766</u>

7. DEBTORS

Trade debtors	13,246	13,425
Balance due from Choppington Social Welfare Centre Social Club Ltd	12,969	13,481
VAT Account	-	1,116
Other debtors and prepayments	2,941	2,724
	<u>29,156</u>	<u>30,746</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 (CONTINUED)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£	£
8. <u>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</u>		
Barclays Bank - Current account	33,920	51,625
- Deposit account	136,842	136,454
Cash in hand	-	541
	<u>170,762</u>	<u>188,620</u>
 9. <u>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</u>		
Trade creditors	1,568	1,225
Taxes and social security	1,952	1,879
Other creditors and accruals	4,592	3,567
	<u>8,112</u>	<u>6,671</u>

Secretary & Chairs Report to the Trustee's & Management Committee
For the financial Year 2019/20

As we enter our 20th year since the move from our old Centre into the New building Our main aim hasn't changed at all in that time, we still want 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. People still compliment us on the ambience of the Centre we do our best to maintain the top quality appearance of the Centre and our Staff are definitely getting better in meeting and greeting people in their warm and very friendly, helpful way. The in house training we provide for them along with the person who they are makes them good at what we aim to deliver.

I have stated in several previous reports on now that sadly I feel that for the foreseeable future were going to be involved in a struggle to survive and that we may even have to look at cut backs ourselves to survive. Well the past 12 months have lived up to that difficult expectation. It has been a struggle and I think its probably going to remain that way for the immediate future. Rather than make desperate cuts we keep looking in depth at what we offer, not just to the members but clients also and we look at the way that we deliver our service. We look at where the changes could happen & we made any changes so that we could remain in with a chance to pick up business where & when we can, as we now have more competition around us trying to emulate a similar service.

I reported last year how we struggled with the Central Heating Boiler during the winter of 2018/19 We experienced several break downs but because parts were becoming very difficult as well as very expensive to get hold of the Trustee's decided to replace the single Broag boiler with a twin Broag boiler system which meant if one of the boilers had a problem we could at least provide heat with the other boiler instead of bringing out the electric heaters which you had to alternate around the Centre to maintain the heat level during the day & night hence the reason someone had to stay in the Centre to look after them. That new twin boiler system is working

As an update the Solar panels that we installed and were commissioned at the end of March 2011, registering for the FIT agreement on offer at that time (feed in tariff) this quarterly income is still a great help towards the annual income of the Centre.

Sadly The Horticultural Show didn't take place last year.

We have also purchased with the small amount of the grant that was remaining from **NEAMWTF** some new tub chairs for the reception area to replace some of the last furniture we brought with us from the old Centre

We continue as ever to look for new activity's to interest the membership & try to encourage others to join. We still are placing adverts in the ABC Magazine regarding what we have on offer & at the same time wanting new idea's from organisers of community groups to come forward to help with our thoughts on the old bowling green area. We don't want to just concentrate on football, if there is anyone interested in ladies netball, walking football, hockey etc now is the time to come forward.

As a reminder the Training rooms – We still run the computer room for any beginners with the help of some very good volunteers who have learnt what they know in exactly the same way, the group are still as keen as ever & were growing in number.

Although the Computer Equipment is fairly new we look to do small upgrades to the memory speed to quicken them up plus we have installed Digital hard drives which helps to improve the speed also, these work in conjunction with the existing main hard drives already installed.

Again as a reminder over the years we have run courses with such a wide variety of sessions to choose from. For example "Spanish Lessons" – Art & Drawing – Glass Painting – Sugar Craft – Family History – First Aid – Proggy Mat Making – Introduction to Computers –Introduction to Internet Word Processing Level 2 –ECDL – Spreadsheets – Digital Photography Level one

Digital Photography, Level Two –Digital Photography Level Three - Microsoft Digital Imaging –Movie Maker 2 –.98 File Management –XP File Management- Vista File Management – Windows 7 File Management - live Image –Nero 6 Reloaded –Picture Publisher –DVD IT –Advanced Camera Course –Web Page Design –Media Studio Pro - .Picture to Exe –. Microsoft Windows Vista –Build & Maintain your computer. These courses now include Windows 10 O/S as well as the 365 office programme as the less expensive version of the Full Office package.

All of these courses were there to help people become more computer literate to maybe enhance their job potential or to help create a change in job direction. However the majority of clients are taking up computers as a leisure or social time interest through either redundancy or early retirement.

Hopefully we can & will continue to offer the wide range of courses listed above as & when people request them and to constantly be looking for others that will stimulate the interests of the many clients we already have had & the many potential new clients of the future.

Sequence Dancing – continues to be as popular as ever taking place in the centre on Sunday, Tuesday Evenings.

Keep Fit – Tai – Chi – Salsa Dancing – are activity's we have run and can pick up when & where the interest arises again. Pilates is a fairly new activity group but they now run a session on 2 early evenings a week.

Line Dancing – Adult sessions are still very popular & taking place regularly but parents are encouraged to bring their children along with them, Monday Evenings are well attended by all age groups Parents & Grandparents with kids coming along to join in the fun of the night.

Friday Evenings again are well attended by all age groups Parents & Grandparents with kids coming along again to join in.

Saturday Evenings when we don't have a function taking place they organise a dance night with a social evening taking place at least once a month & Bank Holidays as well.

Tuition is given by our own qualified tutor again this continues to be a very popular activity Michelle renewed her Teachers certificate which she passed with honours, she has several volunteers who give her a helping hand.

Junior Sessions these take place on Tuesdays from 4.00pm after school and Saturday afternoons from 3.00pm. The more advanced from the group go out to care homes, day centres, hospitals, school fairs to give displays of their dancing skills. There are a number of champions among them, some of the original members of the group have now left school to either work or moved onto College. Michelle has a new batch of beginners she has started with some as young as 4

Carpet Bowls – this group meet every Wednesday evening, it is a game of skill that has in recent years seen an upsurge in popularity with many of the major tournaments shown on TV. However this group could do with improving its membership.

Veterans Snooker – Match days are Tuesday afternoons but members of the teams (we have 2 an "A" & "B" team) some of the team members meet several times during the week to practice. Vera Selby who plays for the "A" team is still the only lady snooker player in the Veterans league she too has had excellent write ups in the local paper over the past year..

Computer Group – meet mainly on a Monday evening with special drop in sessions on a Wednesday afternoon for anyone who is wanting that little extra help with a problem, it is growing in popularity because help is being given to the beginner by the more advanced of the computer group. 1 of the sessions is set aside for hardware projects from fault finding & repairing to building a computer from a box of parts.

Special one off Events –

- a) Exhibition of old photographs, featuring Ellington Colliery, Lynemouth, Barrington, Bedlington, Choppington these display of photographs bring a lot of interest to a lot of people
- b) Christmas Pantomime is still as popular as ever with the adults as well as the children! This year it was "Aladin" Getting Better every year.

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- c) Christmas Lunch for Members took place again this year served at a very reasonable cost.
- d) Exhibition of old Photographs – all from the local area, people & pits exhibitions of this sort stimulate not just memories of time gone by but discussions of everyone's memories of them. We now have a constant request to show photographs its unbelievable how popular these exhibitions are and it also encourages people to bring along their own cherished photo's to share with others, Great.
- e) DVD & Video Playing of "Times Gone By" made here in the North East, by Northern Heritage who are based at Blagdon Hall.
- f) DVD – we now have several of these discs made about the local coal mining areas of the villages that have disappeared along with the pits.
- g) The DVD's of local scenes "Restoring of Newbiggin Beach" "The story of Ellington Colliery" "History of Cambois" & " Sea Coal" all made by local people which will in time become part of the local history of our era, all continue to be popular, members ask for them when we haven't had them playing for a while.
- h) Exhibition of Panoramic Photographs taken by our Computer Group mainly of local scenes, holiday scenes etc.
- i) Line Dance Workshops – in the form of Social Evenings with those attending requesting the music to dance too.
- j) The Line Dance Group have held several fund raising events where proceeds have been donated to various Charities, Diabetes UK, Chrones & Colitus, Pulmonary Fibrosis all very worthy causes But this year they asked if they could raise funds to provide a Heart Defibrillator to be kept here in the Centre. They said they were aware quite a number of their own group as well as members of other Centre users were getting on in years & anyone at anytime could need to use it so the Trustee's said they have no problem and they would meet any shortfall in the total they need to purchase the Defibrillator & storage cabinet.

The Bar continues to operate as normal, to compliment the rest of the activities that the Centre hosts.

Hopefully I have covered all activities & training sessions in this report but I apologise if I have inadvertently omitted anyone or anything.

No matter how much People may get tired of me including this paragraph I can only say I'm sorry but as long as I am secretary & connected to the Centre I will never ever get tired of saying it or forget to mention how importance those grants were that we received from all of the funding agencies **N.E.A.M.W.T.F - Northern Rock - One North East Community Fund - Coalfields Regeneration Trust - G.O.N.E & The Charities Lottery Board.** Without their financial input we would not be enjoying the use of this new centre. There will always be a special thanks go to **The Charities Lottery Board now called The Big Lottery Fund**, they were the first to recognise how good a project we had by awarding us a grant of £265,000. This was approx 1/3 of the estimated cost of the project at that time, they also stuck with us for the 12 months that it took to secure all of the other remaining funding before the project could start to become reality. I think I can safely add at this point that without this confidence by the funders to give the committed investment to build the new Centre, the old Centre would not have survived the test of time. On a personal note entering our 20th year in he New Centre I would like to record How Proud I have been to be part of the team of Trustee's who persuaded those funders to trust us to deliver what we were promising.

The past 12 months as well as being a very busy time for us has also been a very difficult time too. I have come October been connected with the Centre for **40 years** & in that time I have had the great pleasure to meet & work with many many lovely people, some becoming very good friends as well as active members of the Centre. However as we all get on in years I have now lost count of how many members & friends lost in that time. People often laugh at me when I say of course when a partner of a member dies it usually means you lose the surviving partner as an active member as well. I would like to pass my thoughts out to each

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& everyone of them also to their families with my sincere apologies that I wasn't able to personally attend every funeral that took place.

As always there is only one thing left for me to do and that is to thank each and everyone of you as "Members" who come along to the centre week after week to take part in what ever activity you enjoy. The continued survival of the centre rests with you the people who currently use the facility.

We would encourage everyone if possible to introduce a friend or family member to what we have on offer. But please don't forget to make them Members, its easy to do just fill the application card in get some one to propose them & don't forget to get someone to second them as well. Without these the application will be rejected as incomplete by the Trustee's.

I would also like to offer my personal thanks as well as the special thanks of the Trustee's to all those volunteers, the unnamed army too many to mention who come along & give a hand, when ever they can, to do what ever they can. It doesn't matter if it's taking the tea order, playing the music, clearing the tables, collecting cups or glasses or helping out with the tuition. Without that voluntary help this centre like many others would find it very difficult to operate in the successful way that we do, especially during these difficult Financial Times that has been called the "Credit Crunch".

Please remember we are always interested in hearing about any new activities or courses, if there is something that you or a friend would like to become involved in come along and talk to us about it, we'll do our very best try and make it happen.

If anyone is interested in being a volunteer, Please come and see us, talk it over with us, we can access various training courses to those interested.

No I haven't forgotten about Covid – 19 as this report is just up to March 31 2020 the Coronavirus Pandemic only caused disruption to the running of the Centre for the last 2 weeks of this report having said that it has probably been present since about November as we had people coming in complaining of the cough they couldn't get rid of despite having had several types of anti biotics prescribed but thankfully more than this brief mention it is a matter for the 2020/21 report.

Secretary.....S. N. Rice

Chair.....J. E. Young