Moorends Miners Welfare & Community Development Centre

Trustee's Report

2019-2020

Charity Number: 508926

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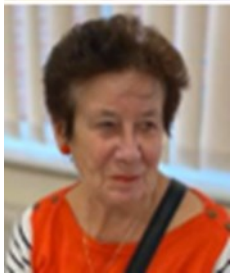

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We hope this document provides an informative overview of our activities throughout 2019 to 2020 but information regarding all of our projects can be found on our dedicated Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/MMWCDC

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Moorends once thrived as a mining community, the miners who worked at Thorne Colliery contributed monies from their wages towards building community facility namely Moorends Old Peoples Centre.

The MOP Centre was built to ensure that the mining community had a facility for the retired miners and their families to participate in and enjoy social and recreational activities at the heart of the community.

In 1959 Thorne Colliery was closed and the Centre was saved by committed and dedicated trustees who bought the property from CISWO and took over the running and maintenance of the building.
Local people have given their time freely and willingly to help support the Centre for the benefit of the local community especially the elderly.

The Centre was renamed to acknowledge its heritage and connection with the local miners and in 2004 the community Centre became known as the "Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Development Centre".

The MMWCD Centre is a Charitable Building with a Management Committee of Trustees who provide line management and support to the Centre Manager, who is responsible for the day today running of the Centre.

The trustees have a strong working partnership with ThorneMoor Working Group, who took the lead on the development and refurbishment of the Centre, accessing funding for it to be developed, refurbished and expanded for the benefit of the local community and surrounding areas. The partnership working with ThorneMoor Working Group enabled the building to undergo a major facelift which brought the building into the 21st century for the benefit of the elderly and disabled, present users and the wider community.

The refurbishment also enabled the Centre to capacity build and enhance the provision it provides to the wider community.

A first class kitchen enables groups to run luncheon clubs for the over 50s, a selection of rooms including computer suite enables the delivery of craft sessions (card making, scrap booking, knitting, sewing, painting, jewelry making etc), chair based exercise, fitness sessions for all ages and abilities, youth sessions, cooking on a budget, family and youth cooking skills sessions, halftern activities, parent toddler group, adult courses and training session, support to local groups, access to IT, support with CVs, Universal Credit, PIP, job search, network support and much more…..

WORKING TOGETHER

Making a difference in the community of Thorne and Moorends

Moorends Miners Welfare & communityDevelopment Centre works closely withlocal voluntary /community groups andorganisations.

We also work with statutory organisations linking in with the police, local authority, schools, councillors and awide range of agencies to enhance the provision that we deliver for community benefit.

The Centre also links in with Fareshare, Tesco Edenthorpe, collecting food that is close to its sell by date which is distributed among the users of the Centre, especially the older vulnerable members of our community and those families in poverty.
The Centre hosts PACT meetings (police & community together), youth offending service as well as local community groupsproviding much needed support advice including the Moorends Welfare Working Group, Glebe Road Allotments. And Moorends Allotments, Thorne Family Support Group, Friends of Thorne Memorial Park and many more …
The Centre provides a host of activities aswell as activities delivered by local voluntary community groups. Projects and activities cover a wide age remit from birth upwards (the oldest being 93 yrs) helping to address local need including poverty, social isolation, mentalhealth, loneliness to name just a few.

Local delivery encourages participation and helps overcome financial barriers byproviding activities that are easily accessible and affordable.

Age UK provides a weekly session for older vulnerable people with dementia and Alzheimer, providing a hot meal freshly prepared and cooked on the premises. They also enjoy tea and biscuits, a game of bingo, dominoes, quizzes and some fun exercises Providinga warm friendly environment.

The Centre continues to provide a warm welcoming environment, working with and providing support to groups based at the Centre to address local needs but also increasingly, working with organisations to provide coordinated support in times of crisis.

We continue to foster local conversations and ongoing consultation to identify gaps in provision and deliver a wider choice of activities for the local community. The Centre's weekly footfall on average is in excess of 500 people per week and is at the heart of our community, and for many older more vulnerable members of the community the only place they have to engage with others, make friends, feel valued and part of the community. For many it is a lifeline, it is somewhere safe, they feel comfortable and enjoy the company.

We have also had visits from our local MP Rt Hon Ed Milliband, who was really impressed with the work being done, the commitment of the trustees, staff and volunteers.

Working together we believe that we can continue to deliver our charitable aims and make a positive difference to our local community addressing local need and overcoming barriers including social isolation, loneliness, poverty, stress, mental health, health & wellbeing, poor academic achievement, high unemployment, complex lives, child poverty which exist in an area which is recognised as severely deprived.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who continue to help deliver projects and activities in a warm, friendly welcoming environment for the benefit of our communities.

FLOOD RESPONSE

Providing support and assistance to our community in any way we can

The November 2019 floods came out of nowhere and caused absolute devastation across neighbouring communities but also had a knock-on effect on the lives of people in Thorne and Moorends.

As soon as it became clear how bad the situation was, we opened the centre to act as a support hub, receiving and coordinating donations from local residents, businesses, organisations and charities. We then were able to direct emergency food supplies, clothing, sanitary products and cleaning supplies to those who needed them. The generosity of the local community cannot be understated. It was incredible.

We co-ordinated support from Khalsa Aid, and were able to take wellies, waders, camping stoves, gloves etc into the communities most affected by the floods. Khalsa Aid, travelled all the way from Slough to provide assistance and we feel fortunate to have been able to build a good working relationship with them—so much so that they also offered us assistance with food provisions for food parcels distributed due to the covid -19 pandemic.

Our volunteers were working day and night to provide as much assistance as we could, with many putting in 12-hour shifts to meet deliveries of food, supplies and sandbags.

It was an honour and a privilege to meet HRH Prince Charles and we were grateful for the opportunity to explain how amazing the volunteers had been and how the support from our communities, business have been outstanding.

COVID-19

Supporting the elderly, vulnerable, lonely, disabled and those facing financial hardship

Whilst we knew the Centre would have to close its doors to the local community in March 2020, we could not stand back and watch residents struggle. We knew we had a role to play in helping to shield our most vulnerable and to continue to help those in need. We sprung to action, just as we had in November 2019 when our surrounding communities were devastated by floods.

The Centre is ideally placed within the heart of the local community. It benefits from excellent links into schools, local authorities, statutory bodies/ agencies, local business and the wider community.

We mobilized our volunteers and made immediate contact with the local authority, informing them that we were ideally placed to be a community hub and that we stood ready to support the most vulnerable within our community.

We began to fundraise and co-ordinate donations of food and other supplies to enable us to create and deliver food parcels across the community of Thorne and Moorends.

This started with bread cakes, fresh fruit that we collected through Fareshare Tesco Edenthorpe which we delivered straight to the door of our older vulnerable members of the community, we made up sandwiches from donations received through Costa and Greggs. We also linked into the local care homes to help support with donations of food.

Little did we know when we started this project, that we would be supporting hundreds of households in Thorne and Moorends every week, by providing food parcels, activity packs, and 24 hour support line and a local point of contact for any questions or for signposting to other agencies.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

'Putting unity back into the community'

2019 was a challenging but rewarding year. One of the highlights, was helping to set up the new police initiative—neighbourhood networks.

The purpose of the network is to encouraging groups to work together to make a difference within the area they live and work; putting unity back into the community. Members and volunteers will deliver a range of activities to improve and promote health and wellbeing, including advice and information, help around the home, healthy living activities, leisure and recreation, transport and general support.

The initiative is a fantastic match with our own aims and objectives and it made perfect sense that we get onboard with such a fantastic project.

We attended the Moorends Gala in the summer of 2019 to launch the network and to raise awareness / promote the group.

We helped facilitate and deliver hampers into the community of Thorne and Moorends, to the most vulnerable at Christmas.

CREDIT UNION

Helping the community to plan and manage their purchases

The Community First Credit Union Ltd is the leading community-owned organisation for financial services offering products and services to communities that cater for all people and enterprises. Their inclusive 'live and work' membership drives forward a sustainable organisation which re-invests in our local communities to improve the economy and alleviate poverty.

In June 2019 we officially launched the outreach provision for Community First Savings & Loans Credit Union with Gary Simpson and Ed Miliband.

Shortly after we hosted a community drop-in session where residents could ask questions about the service they provide. There was strong interest in the initiative and Community First are now at the centre every Friday between 9 am - 12 pm where the outreach provision is delivered by Natasha Aldred.

The service provides loans, a household items service that can arrange for new household appliances to be financed and delivered direct to the members home, a budgeting advice, financial awareness information and targeted advice for young savers amongst other things.

There was a lot of interest in this service and we look forward to being able to drive publicity again once the covid-19 restrictions are eased and it is safe for us to do so.

We feel fortunate to be in a position to help provide this much needed service to the community.

HALLOWEEN

Sometimes, pictures really do say 1,00 words...

Halloween is always a highlight on the calendar. Annually we can expect up to 150 local children and young people, dressed in their most gruesome costumes, to come and enjoy music and party games with their friends. This year was no different, save for that the costumes get scarier year on year! The annual disco also provides an opportunity for trustees to let their hair down and get involved by judging the party games and of course the infamous fancy dress competition. In a time when the evenings are dark and many parents would not feel comfortable with children trick-or-treating across the village, the disco provides a safe space that everyone can enjoy without being costs prohibitive. We also held events including sweet-tree making this year, which was incredibly popular.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Ensuring festive cheer is spread across the community and putting a stop to loneliness

This was an extra special time, After the heartbreak caused by the recent floods in November, Christmas was something the community could look forward to and we were so happy we were able to continue this annual tradition of providing a three-course Christmas dinner for our elderly and vulnerable residents.

For Christmas 2019, we had the Hatfield Male Voice Choir perform, along with School Choirs. We also arranged surprise Christmas Hampers. The day was full of Laughing, singing, lots of wonderful festivities—exactly as it should be!

On a serious note, many in our community would not otherwise have a Christmas Dinner and were facing a lonely Christmas holiday, particularly this year when family households were disrupted. Projects like this go a long way to fostering friendships and fighting loneliness that is plaquing the elderly community.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Bringing the community together to celebrate all that we have in common

The centre works closely with voluntary community groups , some of whom are now permanently based at the centre including Thorne & Moorends Youth Group, Kids Fitness Zone, Good Buddies, Active Children's Zone, Over 55s, Thorne & Moorends Healthy Living Group, Young at Heart, Thorne & Moorends Neighbourhood Network and Bridging Generations.

The centre works closely and also supports a variety of statutory organisations and agencies, police, PCSOs, east area team, expect youth, CAST, youth probation service, stronger families, local schools.

By building close relationships with other groups and organisations we are able to connect across age groups and work closely together on projects for centre users and the wider community. A particularly exciting date in the calendar in September 2019 was the UCI Road Cycling Championships, which came through Thorne. We were able to take members to the event to ensure they felt included in the excitement and the action!

MOORENDS MINERS WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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INCOME		**EXPENDITURE**	
Room rental	46,264.50	Equipment leasing and maintenance	1,462.25
		Property maintenance	1,101.96
		Water rates	513.75
Restricted income		Lighting and heating	3,151.91
DMBC Anticipate	200.00	Telephone charges	1,066.58
Flood Support Project	5,000.00	Refuse collection	724.00
		Gross staff wages including employers national insurance and pensions	28,539.68
		Advertising	66.50
		Accountancy charges	1,027.00
		Insurance	1,151.68
		TV Licence	154.50
		Project costs	536.11
		Printing contract costs	173.06
		Excess of income over expenditure	£11,795.52
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Moorends Miners Welfare and Community Development Centre

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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4th November 2020

As we welcomed in 2020,
we also said farewell to one of our regular faces .

Before Christmas 2019, Carol past away,
losing her long-fought battle against cancer.

Carol was a dear friend to many who use the centre
and she is sadly missed.

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