

BLACKHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT - May 2018 to May 2019

The last Annual General Meeting of the Community Association was held on 30 May 2018. The meeting elected John Worters as chair, Amy Hedley as treasurer and Kathleen Slater as secretary, together with an executive committee of a further six members. The committee has met on seven occasions since the AGM.

The Centre continues to be well used, with an increase in the number of groups using the building. Currently, 18 different organisations, local groups and classes use the centre on a regular basis, holding up to a total of 21 sessions each term time week. This year's newcomers are Artventurers mother and baby class and CoDA, Co-Dependents Anonymous. Ingeus, who deliver sessions addressing the prevention of diabetes on behalf of the NHS, continue to be a frequent user of the Centre, since starting in the autumn of 2018. In addition, there have been several one-off bookings for parties and meetings.

The Association held a Winter Fayre on Saturday 24 November. Several of the regular user groups and other volunteers organised and manned stalls and provided refreshments. £492 was raised towards the running of the Centre, a significant increase on last year's fayre. Particular thanks should go to Shotley Bridge and Blackhill Ladies, the Skills Through Leisure and Bingo groups and the Blackhill Art Group for their contributions. Also to the Consett and District Heritage initiative for a display of old photos and to St Cuthberts Church, Shotley Bridge for the loan of an exhibition profiling soldiers from the area who gave their lives in the First World War.

"Compliance" requirements continue to be attended to. These include the regular maintenance of the boiler and its controls, emergency lighting, the roller shutter, automatic doors and firefighting equipment as well as maintaining a water hygiene risk assessment and an asbestos management plan. Some exceptional costs have been incurred this year, with repairs needed to the roller shutter and the automatic door at the main entrance.

Finance: We have had to make a small inroad into our savings this year to meet the exceptional costs referred to above, but most costs have been met from income generated during the year. The cost of regular maintenance checks together with the above repairs increased significantly on last year, but this was partially offset by lower utility costs (i.e. gas electricity and water). Income from hire charges and rents was very marginally down on last year. As always, we need to maintain our income, coming almost entirely from room lettings and hire charges, to cover the cost of running and maintaining the building. The major costs are heating and lighting the building, cleaner's wages, insurance, and meeting our compliance requirements.

The Association will continue to regularly review hire charges and look at ways of increasing the profile of the Centre, the existing activities and facilities and attracting new users.

John Worters - Chair, Blackhill Community Association

May 2019.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS Y.E. DECEMBER 2018

Receipts	11,531.16
Payments	<u>14,372.76</u>
Receipts less payments	-2,841.60
Balance b/f	<u>16,972.40</u>
Balance c/f	<u>£14,130.80</u>

Signed - Treasurer	D.A.Hedley
Chairman	J.H. Worters
Inspector	

Payments Y.E. December 2018

	£
Compliance Tests	901.98
Insurance – Public Liability	280.20
DCC buildings	322.15
Telephone	290.46
Electricity	909.73
Gas	5,662.25
Water	692.33 (Refund £177.42)
Wages	2,730.10
Repairs/replacements	2,050.34
Cleaning	77.57
Canteen	7.19
Stationery	27.00
Postage	34.32
Bingo Books	98.40
Garden	250.00
Sundries	<u>38.74</u>
	<u>£14,372.76</u>

RECEIPTS Y.E. December 2018

£

Rent from groups	7,129.00
Bingo	479.20
Hire charges (inc. garage)	2,733.50
Canteen	10.50
Refunds	588.30
Repay Bingo Books	98.40
Fayre	492.18
Bank Int.	<u>08</u>
	<u>£11,531.16</u>