

Balkwell Community Welfare Association

BCWA

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

For the Year 2022/2023

Structure of the Committee

	Jude Davies Chair	
Ted Davey Vice Chair	Phillip Howells Treasurer	Norma Norvell Secretary
Bryan Smith Committee Member	Brian Cooper Committee Member	Stephen Campbell Committee Member
	Jim Davey Committee Member	Malcolm Holman Committee Member

The regular groups using the Hall are as follows:

Monday	Parent & Toddler Group - Card Craft
Tuesday	Slimming World - Tea Dance - Dog Training Class
Wednesday	Parent & Toddler Group Eastern Star (2nd Wednesday in month)
Thursday	Line Dancing - Polling Station use
Friday	Line Dancing
Saturday	Dance Class - BCWA Social Events - Parties
Sunday	North East Spiritualist Church - Parties

Following the COVID period which affected us all; we are pleased to report that the hall is back up to the levels of hiring to regular groups and parties as occurred pre-COVID.

The BCWA Saturday Social events are also back up and running on a monthly basis with returning audiences mainly at capacity sell out events.

Saturday event nights held in 2022/2023 were as follows:

14th May 2022	Dusty Train	11th June 2022	On the Road Again
23rd July 2022	The Parish	13th August 2022	Black n' Blue
24th September 2022	Swinging Blue Jeans	15th October 2022	Jessica Irving
12th November 2022	Howard Baker Band	17th December 2022	The Parish
21st January 2023	Dinosaurs	18th February 2023	Jessica Irving
18th March 2023	On the Road Again		

Saturday night functions are again very well supported with participants enjoying entertainment, food and good company and we are pleased to report that regular Saturday night events have been organised for the remainder of 2023 and bookings are already being made for 2024. These functions

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7th August 2023

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are open to members, subject to the type of event and the capacity of the Hall. Our thanks go to all BCWA committee members and their partners who help to run the events on a voluntary basis, whilst each paying full ticket prices for admission to the events. Ticket enquiries for future events should be made to Brian Cooper on 0191 257 8821. All members are encouraged to invite friends and acquaintances to come along to these special evenings.

As well as the regular groups, and the Saturday events indicated above, the community centre is used by the office of the Returning Officer for North Tyneside and Tynemouth for local and national elections. The hall was also used by local people for private parties which ranged from children's birthday parties to adult birthdays, anniversaries, music and dance practice. Bookings are welcomed from members and non-members and can be made through Phillip Howells on 07961 123 432.

The certified accounts for the year 2022/2023 show a net deficit for the year of £8,024 (*last year's accounts showed a surplus of £9,343*). Previous years income was supported by Government COVID related grants which now have stopped. These grants kept BCWA going through the period where we were forced to close under COVID regulations and subsequently helped us to make major improvements to the building. The accounts show the Association remains in a very healthy position. A set of accounts and the Accountant's Report are available at the AGM and further copies can be obtained from the BCWA treasurer on request.

We continue to see the benefits of all the upgrades and works to the premises which have made a significant difference to our outgoings on gas, electricity and water bills. We will continue to make improvements to the building where required. We now have working an air re-circulation unit which provides a change of air within the hall with heat recovery from expelled air, and a full air conditioning installation which can cool the building down and also provide instant heat when the hall becomes too cold. This has dramatically cut our costs on the gas central heating system although it will remain available should it be needed. We continue to see the benefits of the new air conditioning system.

As a safety measure and in the event of a medical emergency we have also installed a defibrillator in the entrance lobby of the building. We were able to get a £300 grant from London Hearts, who are a charity based in London, to help pay for this equipment. The defibrillator is able to be switched between adults and children under the supervision of a responsible adult. If the defibrillator is needed and its lid is opened it talks the user clearly through the instructions on its use.

Our committee structure has been increased by one from last year with the appointment of Stephen Campbell who is already proving to be a committed and valuable member of the BCWA committee.

All members of the committee put a large amount of unpaid time and effort into the continuing success of BCWA and the association also depends upon the support of the local groups and of the local community. The committee would welcome help from any persons willing to assist with the running of the Association on a voluntary, co-opted or full committee basis. Those interested should contact any of the existing committee members. Membership of the committee for the year 2022/2023 stands at 9 members. Our thanks also go to those who currently help and give their time to the success of the Association, also to the leaders and helpers of the regular user groups who contribute to our continued success.

Our new cleaner, Vicky Wight, has now been in post for nearly 2 years and has settled into the job and is keeping the standards high. We also give thanks to Norma Norvell and her husband Dave Norvell who oversee the cleaning process and for all they do to maintain the building inside and outside.

Finally, we thank the community groups, regular hall users and BCWA members who continue to support us so that everyone can make full use of our facilities.

BALKWELL COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS

31st MARCH 2023

MOORE BENNETT LIMITED

BALKWELL COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

We have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 on pages 2 and 3 from the accounting records of and information supplied by the Treasurer, Mr P D Howells.

MOORE BENNETT LIMITED
Hotspur House
15 East Percy Street
North Shields
Tyne & Wear
NE30 1DT

5th April 2023

CLIENT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

I approve these accounts and can confirm that I have made available all records and information for their preparation.


.....Mr P D Howells

BALKWELL COMMUNITY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
<u>Fixed Assets</u>				
<u>Community Centre Building</u>				
Leashold Property	-		-	
<u>Less Amortisation</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
<u>Air Conditioning Unit</u>				
Cost	11052			
<u>Less Depreciation</u>	<u>(553)</u>	<u>10499</u>		
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Lloyds Bank - Current	629		1413	
Lloyds Bank - Deposit	14000		32000	
Cash in Hand	592	15221	512	33925
<u>Less Accrued Charges</u>				
Accountancy Fees	480		480	
Creditors	<u>373</u>	<u>(853)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(481)</u>
		<u>24867</u>		<u>33444</u>
<u>Represented by</u>				
General Fund				
Balance 1 st April 2022	33444		24101	
<u>Less (Deficit)/ Surplus for Year</u>	<u>(8024)</u>		<u>9343</u>	
Less: Depreciation	<u>(553)</u>	<u>24867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33444</u>



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Balkwell Community Welfare Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2023	Charity no (if any)	1011470
	Set out on pages 1-3		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's 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 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed: *Lynn Bennett* **Date:** 5th April 2023

Name: Lynn Bennett

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** IFA

Address: Hotspur House
15 East Percy Street

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

