Charity Number 1162093

Parkside & District Community Association

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which have been prepared following the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102A) (effective 1 January 2019), applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Parkside and District Community Association

Charity Trustees

Christopher Kennedy
Christine Kennedy
Anthony Thompson
Ian Dinsdale
Dawn Taylor
Brian Taylor
Dylan Taylor
Ann Johnson

Elected Members

Chairperson	Margaret Bunts
Vice Chairperson	Richard Cameron
Secretary	Diane Cameron
Treasurer	Dawn Taylor

Representatives

Cllr Jack McGlenen (Durham County Council)
Carole Hutton (Seaham Police)

Young People's Representatives

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Structure and Organisation

Organisation
The Parkside & District Community Association is a registered charity (number 1162093), a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which operates according to its constitution which was registered on 15 June 2015.

Trustee Appointments
Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting from members present and eligible to vote. New trustees are provided with support to enable them to understand and undertake their duties.

Volunteer Support
The charity is reliant on the support of its volunteers to achieve its objects; the work of volunteers is invaluable.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects
The Association has the following objects:

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Parkside and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called 'The area of benefit') without distinction of sex or of political, religious, or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre/village hall (hereinafter called 'the centre/village hall') and to maintain and manage, or to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre/village hall for activities promoted by the association and its constituent body in furtherance of the above objects.

(c) The Association shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The Association shall have power to affiliate to the National Federation of Community Associations, the Durham County Federation of Community Organisations, and to other organisations with similar charitable objects.

Public Benefit
The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning activities and setting policies and priorities for the year ahead.

The Association runs Parkside and District Community Centre on a non-profit basis providing an affordable local facility for meetings, sport, celebrations, and exhibitions etc., rents are kept as low as possible, and membership is open to all inhabitants of Parkside.

Chairman's Introduction
Parkside was one of the first projects in the area to receive money from the single regeneration budget, that has transformed a little community hut into a gleaming community centre used by the local people of all ages, the new centre was opened in July 1996.

In 1997 we had the shower rooms and football courts added to the building.

In 2001 a new extension was added to the facility at Parkside and has helped to meet people's demands and boost community spirit and the enthusiastic response has ensured that the centre is running to practically full capacity.

In 2017 the all weather football courts was made into a 4G surface, with thanks to Biffa and Durham county council for the funding to get this done, this was opened by Sonia Foster and Kevin Ball (ex Sunderland footballer).

Objectives and Activities (Continued)

Chairman's Introduction (Continued)

The centre caters for people of all ages meeting for activities that range from Scallywags, Youth Groups, grab a grans, Inters, Sewing,dance groups, Art, Birthday Parties and a range of Keep fit groups . We have two training rooms, one with a white board which is avaiable to hire out.

Since 2015 we have been involved with the turning on of local lights, we run a Christmas grotto each year which has grown and grown, we have had visitors from Australia, hull, London, Darlington and many other places just to see our grotto.
It is the community Centre's aim to develop opportunities to enable people to take greater control of their own learning and participate fully in the making of decisions that will affect them and their neighbourhoods and communities of which they are apart.
we hired a cleaner in the centre this year thanks to the lottery funding and also bought new cleaning equipment and fogging machines to maintain the building remaining clean after all groups while the centre was closed during the summer we have had the building all painted inside the hall resurfaced, all new flooring in toilets and corridors, all new adults sized toilets in male and female toilets, new wall of mirrors added to the hall for dance and exercise groups, the centre now has all led lights inside and outside in the centre to help keep costs down, now looking for funding to get the floodlights

Achievements and Performance

Review of the Period
Sewing
Sewing has been coming to the centre for 24 years now.
the size of the group keeps changing due to work restrictions, but this group has shown a lot of support for the community centre.
the group made some elf costumes for the grotto and also fixed and sorted out our Santa costume.
The group was also active in helping out with the grotto sewing up the fabric for the background.

Scallywags
The group has now been going for 25 years, and is a well-established group of the community Association. The group has approx 32 members both male and female and are aged between 4 yrs and 9 yrs. The group runs on a Tuesday evening 5pm till 6.30pm. there is a waiting list for this group due to the group been ran by the management committee and volunteers. The group is self supporting and all money raised from our tuck shop, raffles all goes towards the cost of buying equipment. such as board games, sweets, paints and creative materials, in addition this also helps towards the cost of transport for the group to go on trips. This year started off with plenty of fun games and cooking sessions.
this group is going from strength to strength the tuck shop we run helps young people understand money as young people have to work out the cost of their sweets this is a fun way to learn young people usually have fruit during the sessions as part of healthy eating we have had funding this year which we put on halloween party's and christmas party this was funded by durham county council which was a big help all young peoplle had a visit off santa and went to visit the grotto while all receiving a gift

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

Review of the Period (Continued)

Art

Art group has been using the centre for 21 years . this group has lost a few of its members and now has spaces available .
the group meet on a Wednesday afternoon 12 till 3pm
the group has been on visits to places around the town to draw or paint at different sites of the community.
a few of the artists has had a exhibition of their work in a local art centre at seaham harbour
this group is welcome to add new members to the group if anyone is interested

Birthday Parties

weekend parties are going really well with plenty booking up from word of mouth.
the parties are just for young people up to 9years no adult parties
we offer bouncy castle all tables set up a disco and use of the kitchen the cost of all this is only 80 pounds
thanks goes to volunteers for running these when not at work. all money made off these goes back into the centre.
if anyone is wanting to book a party please send a text to the centre Parkside and district community association or ring the centre up as spaces for these partys goes really quick it is a 20 pound deposit .which is non returnable

Christmas grotto/sleigh

The grotto has become really popular with all the community and all over England. It has been in local and national papers. it is ran by the management committee and volunteers, the grotto has had funding from asda, seaham town council also durham county council
we would also like to thank D.T. balloons and and bespoke by do for the decorations and help this year.
the community help out by giving us lights, paints, Christmas trees and decorations which the centre recycle to use in the grotto. without this help we would not be able to have a grotto
This event is becoming larger and larger each year and we are on all weekends in December. the grotto was decorated by young people and volunteers of the centre who spend over 20 weeks putting this up and getting it ready for the event to take place. it is a lot of hard work, with most of our volunteers all working full time jobs.
The sleigh was given to the centre by the rotary club of seaham over 15 years ago. since receiving this from them it has had to be re built and all new lights put in place. this year we were asked to turn on the lights for seaham town council this was really popular with the community of seaham

Football courts

Football courts were built in 1997 a year after the centre was built.
but with football regulations we were unable to use the courts due to the surface not been 3g, so with thanks to seaham town council, Durham county council, and Biffa for helping fund the new surface we have now updated the court into a 4g surface and the community have come together and are now using the courts the courts during the winter months are always full at nights but during the day very few people or groups come forward to use the courts.
but the courts are available throughout the whole year for hire.

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

Review of the Period (Continued)

Gerlingen visits
we have been going to Gerlingen for the past 15 years now as an exchange visit through Seaham Town Council
Each year we have the Germans come over and visit the centre and stay in the centre for 1 week in the April.
this is one of the last times we were over Berman with the young people and volunteers
we had the Germans stay in the centre again but this was funded by seaham town council as the cost to the centre was to much to pull out but we still had a lot of fun and visits to local areas around seaham and county Durham.
we did not manage to get over to German this year as the price was to much to pay with the young people so we did not do the exchange with the council now changing over the running of the area

Inters
The inters started off as a pilot scheme but has been running now for 12 years. this group is ran by the management committee and volunteers.
This group is self supporting and all money raised from the tuck shop and raffles all goes back into the group.
this year the group has taken part in art and craft sessions, music sessions, sports day events, cooking sessions also a getting funding from seaham councillors
the group has also had, Halloween and Christmas parties

Financial Review

At 31st December 2025 the charity had unrestricted funds totalling £17,004 (2024: £16,787) (which were available for the trustees to use at their discretion) having raised £48,477 (2024: £61,118) during the year and spent £48,260 (2024: £84,729) as set out in accounts.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Trustees to hold reserves, which provide for the ongoing work of the charity whilst retaining financial stability and the potential to respond to new opportunities. At the 31st December 2025 the unrestricted reserves held were £17,004 (2023: £16,787) which were available for the trustees to use at their discretion, the trustees consider this level to be adequate but would seek to increase them to a higher level.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- make judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable:
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence.

Achievements and Performance (Continued)

Responsibilities of the Trustees (Continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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 and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Mrs M Bunts
Trustee Date:

Independent examiner's Report to the Trustees Parkside & District Community Association.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

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.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	16,695	-	16,695	5,787
Charitable activities	4	31,782	-	31,782	63,331
Total		48,477	-	48,477	69,118
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	48,260	-	48,260	84,729
Total		48,260	-	48,260	84,729
Net Income		217	-	217	(15,611)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		16,787	-	16,787	32,398
Total funds carried forward		17,004	-	17,004	16,787

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 31st December 2025

	Notes	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		17,725	17,508
Total current assets		17,725	17,508
Liabilites			
Accruals		721	721
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	11	-	-
Unrestricted income funds	7	17,004	16,787
Restricted income funds	7	-	-
Total charity funds		17,004	16,787

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs M Bunts
Trustee
Date:

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

In preparing the accounts the following accounting policies have been complied with:

a) The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The accounts have been prepared following the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102A) (effective 2 February 2016), applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

c) Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.
All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity receives the income.

d) Expenditure is recognised on a payments basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

i) Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. It also includes those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

ii) All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis as set out in the notes.

2 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

3 Income and endowments from: Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Gas Fund	-	-	-	-
Donation Mayors fund	-	-	-	3,500
Durham County Council	4,363	-	4,363	787
Ballinger Charity	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous small donations	1,277	-	1,277	-
Seaham Town Council	11,055	-	11,055	1,500
Total	16,695	-	16,695	5,787

Notes to the accounts (Continued)

4 Income and endowments from: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Dancers	4,379	-	4,379	32,160
Scally Wags	1,045	-	1,045	821
Grab a gran	1,794	-	1,794	1,574
Art Class	1,150	-	1,150	940
All Weather	8,175	-	8,175	8,343
Room Hire	2,020	-	2,020	2,315
Toddlers	-	-	-	571
Sewing	290	-	290	180
Bands	-	-	-	190
Parties	1,715	-	1,715	2,120
Xmas Fair / Grotto	11,214	-	11,214	14,119
Total	31,782	-	31,782	63,331

5 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Wages	19,514	-	19,514	18,500
Repairs & Maintenance	316	-	316	12,005
Heat, Light & Water	5,440	-	5,440	6,961
Equipment/materials	9,353	-	9,353	4,702
Groups	3,932	-	3,932	2,508
Telephone	2,389	-	2,389	2,077
Milk and other refreshments	29	-	29	15
Durham CC SLA	3,315	-	3,315	484
Cleaning	379	-	379	108
Miscellaneous	149	-	149	2,271
Training	462	-	462	251
Accounting	-	-	-	696
Independent Examiner's Fees	721	-	721	1,301
Insurance	1,303	-	1,303	245
Dance Competition Fees	-	-	-	32,587
Licenses	957	-	957	18
Total	48,260	-	48,260	84,729

6 Employee information

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the period. The average number of people employed during the period was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Administrator	0.5	0.5
Cleaner	1.0	1.0
	1.5	1.5

Notes to the accounts (Continued)

7 Trustee information

No trustee or connected party of a trustee received any remuneration in the year.

No trustee received any expenses during the year.

8 Reserves

	At 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2025 £
Designated Funds					
Building	3,757	-	-	-	3,757
All Weather	9,726	-	-	-	9,726
	13,483	-	-	-	13,483
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	3,304	48,477	(48,260)	-	3,521
Total Unrestricted	16,787	48,477	(48,260)	-	17,004