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19th September 2026

Dear Trustees,

Re. Fishburn Youth and Community Centre Annual Report

I am delighted as the new Chair to compile this year's report for the Centre, a very successful year.

The site consists of two fully accessible buildings, a Community Centre and a Youth Centre. Trustees have responsibility over both the maintenance and development of the services provide. The Community Centre is owned by CISWO, formally the NCB Miners Welfare Hall and it is held in trust for the benefit of the community. The day to day running, development and fundraising is carried out by the Centre Manager and staff on behalf of the Trustees. In addition to the paid staff, we have the valuable support of a team of volunteers and we are grateful for all the support they give.

Our Aims and Objectives are to further benefit the residents of Fishburn and the Neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

We strive to be an inclusive Community Centre and provide services to all individuals regardless of their gender, religion, beliefs, ethnicity or sexual orientation. We promote individuality and recognise each person's right to be treated with dignity and respect whilst upholding our fundamental British Values.

Our youth services are of vital importance to the families not only in the village of Fishburn but also neighbouring communities of Trimdon and Sedgefield. It offers young people from the age of 7 to 17 years the opportunity to meet at a safe hub in which they can engage in social activities which help to maintain not only their physical abilities, it also boosts self-esteem and promotes good mental health. Young people who engage in physical and mental activities, socialise with peer groups and engage with positive adult role models this not only boosts and maintains their overall well-being it also reduces the risk of loneliness and isolation which is a contributory factor in the development of depression. During the year we were both delighted and honoured to be awarded a High Sheriff Award for the Youth Club and both staff and young people must be congratulated. The Award will provide additional facilities for the young people. The young people also fully participated in Fishburn Day, a day when the whole Community came together.

In respect of the Community Centre our objectives have been to continue to further enhance all opportunities available for the local community. We have been successful in achieving several major grants to enhance the services on offer and secure staff wages. The cost-of-living crisis continues to hit families hard in the local area and we have concentrated our support on as many families and individuals as possible. Thanks must go to the 3 local village Co-Operative Stores who continue to provide us with unsold goods to pass on to our users. We continue to offer our meals, both dine-in and delivery, to not only our local community but also Sedgefield and Trimdon. An addition to the meal service has been providing lunches for the Village Nursery. The kitchen staff need our thanks and gratitude and recognition of their 5 star environmental /food hygiene award once again,

There are 20 groups regularly meeting and gaining support from the Centre. We have also become the go-too venue for weddings, birthday parties and funeral teas. The recently launched Fishburn Food Crew has been as huge success with each evening children who attend youth club benefiting from a nutritious meal made by themselves. Christmas saw a visit from Mrs. Claus, an event extremely well attended and to be repeated this year. Our Christmas lunch was oversubscribed and the 2026 is already sold out.

During the year we won the Spirt of Fishburn Award from the Parish Council whose office as a result is now situated in the centre. The best news we had was to be made the National winner of the Village Hall Inspiration Award. Well done to all staff and service users.

We welcomed several new Trustees during the year bringing new skills to the team. One of our long-standing Trustees and Chairman Michael Parkin retired during the year, and we thank him for all he did for the Centre and wish him well for the future.

May I take this opportunity to thank our Centre manger Mrs. J. Lawton, her staff and all volunteers for the service they give and for making FYCC so successful and a joy to visit.

J.Robinson
Chairman

INCOME		
Bar Income	£	22,456.00
Food income	£	49,732.00
Room Hire	£	37,890.00
Fundraising	£	9,556.00
Insurance Refunds	£	5,327.00
Grants	£	184,582.00
Bank Interest	£	775.00
	£	310,318.00

EXPENDITURE		
Bar Stock	£	12,968.00
Lunch Club Expenses	£	21,752.00
Events expenses	£	2,816.00
Advertising/Promotional	£	789.00
Bank charges	£	162.00
Cleaning	£	1,846.00
Craft Club expenses	£	299.00
Electric	£	20,034.00
Water	£	2,451.00
Equipment	£	6,200.00
Office/General expenses	£	659.00
Phone costs	£	144.00
Repair and maintenance	£	27,787.00
Van expenses	£	1,980.00
Youth Club	£	1,940.00
Subscriptions	£	3,185.00
Wages	£	112,283.00
Insurance	£	3,761.00
	£	221,056.00

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Accounts as at 1st Jan 2025		
Barclays Current	£	25,882.78
CAF Current	£	17,023.62
CAF Savings	£	37,893.63
Cash in Hand	£	3,192.01
	£	83,992.04
	£	**394,310.04**

Accounts as at 31st Dec 2025		
Barclays Current	£	102,049.81
CAF Current	£	30,049.45
CAF Savings	£	38,626.66
Cash in Hand	£	2,528.07
	£	173,253.99
	£	**394,309.99**

Difference	-£	0.05
	due to rounding	

Dear Chair and Trustees,

RE: Fishburn Youth and Community Centre

Date 9th September 2026

I report on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that and 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 required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under 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 the independent examiners 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 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 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 statements below.

Independent examiners 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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Accounting and Reporting Charities: Statements 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 102).

Yours Sincerely,