BLAYDON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

Registered Charity No. 1186251

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO
Members of the Management Committee
and Professional Advisors
For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Management Committee have pleasure in presenting their report and the un-audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity No	1186251
Principal Office	Blaydon Youth and Community Centre Shibdon Road Blaydon Tyne & Wear NE21 5QE
Accountant	Mark Thompson MAAT 42 Lesbury Road Heaton Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5LB
Bankers	Lloyds Front Street Whickham NE21 5QE
Trustees	Maria Hall Victor Connaughton Dorothy Burnett Julie Vincent

Trustees Annual Report 2025

Who We Are

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO (BYCC) has been a cornerstone of the Blaydon community since 1957. Operating the Blaydon Youth and Community Centre since 2014 and becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2019, our mission remains clear — "To be an enabling hub for the Blaydon community, promoting quality activities and services that enhance local people's physical, social, economic and emotional wellbeing."

Our centre provides a safe, inclusive and welcoming space for residents to socialise, learn and stay healthy. With a vibrant café and social area, multi-purpose rooms, a large sports hall and an outdoor sensory garden, BYCC offers affordable access to activities and services for everyone — from babies to older adults, including neurodiverse and disabled people.

In 2023, we successfully relocated our childcare provision to the Blaydon Winlaton Family Hub, allowing us to expand capacity, reduce waiting lists and better support local families.

Our beneficiaries primarily come from areas ranked among the 10–30% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally (IMD, 2019). We are proud that our doors remain open to everyone, whatever their background or circumstance.

Our Purpose and Values

Charitable objects: To benefit the residents of Blaydon and surrounding wards of Gateshead by advancing education and providing facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of social welfare, improving quality of life for all.

Vision: To inspire and achieve "Healthy Hearts and Minds" across Blaydon, Winlaton and surrounding communities.

Mission: To manage our Centre and childcare provision efficiently, delivering affordable, accessible and enjoyable opportunities for all ages.

Our values: Welcoming • Accessible • Affordable • Enjoyable • Environmental

Our Impact in 2025

2025 was a year of growth, renewal and reconnection. Building on progress made in 2024, we saw more residents engage in activities, events and partnerships that improved health, confidence and community spirit.

Giving Children the Best Start

Our Ofsted-registered childcare continues to thrive at the Blaydon Winlaton Family Hub, providing places for around 38 children aged 2–4. Children enjoyed trips to the Centre for Life, Saltwell Park and Bill Quay Farm, alongside rich learning activities in creative arts, sport and outdoor play.

Our Breakfast Club at a local primary school now supports an average of 18 children per day, increasing term by term, and aims to reach 20 by 2026. The After-School Club regularly engages more than 26 children aged 4–11 each evening, with fun and developmental activities such as arts, sport and cooking.

Helping Young People Connect and Grow

We have continued to build on the success of our weekly youth activities. Both open-access and targeted sessions are extremely well attended, engaging over 100 young people per week.

Young people also took part in our Youth Kitchen project, learning practical skills for healthy living.

Supporting Adults to Stay Active and Connected

Our health and wellbeing programme continues to flourish, especially among older residents. Weekly Over-50s Walking Football, Walk and Talk, Chatty Café, Seated Yoga/exercise and Soup & Social sessions reduce isolation and keep people physically and mentally well. Over 100 older adults participate each week, supported by partnerships with Gateshead FC Foundation, Tyne Valley Health & Wellbeing, the NHS and others.

"After my husband passed away, joining the walking group was the best decision I made. I've made friends, had outings and even went on holiday – something I never thought would happen." – Margaret, participant

Building Community Spirit

Our centre remains a vibrant meeting point for local life. The Christmas Market welcomed over 700 visitors to Santa's grotto, a roller disco, wreath making and a huge range of other activities, creating a festive, inclusive celebration. Regular hire by groups such as NHS Mental Health Services, First Aid North East and Ability Sport & Social NE ensures year-round activity.

We also continued our Warm Space and Community Café, offering affordable meals, friendly conversation and support during the cost-of-living crisis. The café maintained its 5-star hygiene rating and introduced more healthy, fresh and budget-friendly options.

"We use the Centre every day — it's a lifesaver, especially when things are tough. There's always something positive happening." – Martin, community member

Our Partners and Supporters

None of this would be possible without our dedicated team, volunteers, partners and funders. We thank The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities), Garfield Weston Foundation, The Ballinger Charitable Trust, Community Foundation North East, Postcode Community Trust, Carr-Ellison Charitable Trust, LGA Foundation, Ringtons Fund, Gateshead Food Partnership, The Metrocentre, Gateshead Council and The Netherton Trust.

We are deeply appreciative of the diverse mix of project, capital and core funding that has sustained and strengthened our work in 2025. Project and activity funding has enabled us to expand our offer through initiatives such as Youth Clubs, Holiday Activity and Food programmes, and our inclusive Warm Space provision.

Core funding from valued supporters including Garfield Weston Foundation, The Ballinger Trust, Postcode Community Trust, Carr-Ellison Charitable Trust and The Metrocentre has allowed us to sustain vital services, adapt to rising costs and continue growing our impact.

We are also thrilled to report that, thanks to multi-year funding from The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities) at the end of 2024, we have successfully recruited an experienced Operations & Programmes Manager, Iain Crosbie, and purchased a 9-seater electric minibus.

Combined, these developments have increased our capacity and will continue to reduce barriers to participation, enabling us to reach even more residents across Blaydon and surrounding areas. These investments give BYCC the stability, creativity and confidence to keep delivering life-changing opportunities in our community.

Looking Ahead 2026 to 2028

Trustees, staff and volunteers remain committed to strengthening governance, maximising public benefit and deepening our community impact. Our goals are to:

- Engage over 20,000 people annually, up from a baseline of 4,000 in 2023.
- Maintain GOOD or higher quality childcare and youth provision.
- Ensure 80% of beneficiaries report improved health and wellbeing.
- Pilot new outreach projects across neighbouring communities.

• Continue achieving excellence in governance, partnership and sustainability.

In 2026, we plan to expand our childcare provision with an additional room for children aged 0–2, helping more local families access affordable, high-quality childcare and further increasing support for parents and carers.

Looking Forward Together

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO continues to be a trusted, inclusive and forward-looking community anchor. We are proud of the difference we make each day — helping local people to connect, grow and thrive together. With strong governance, an experienced team and the ongoing support of our community and partners, we look forward to another year of building Healthy Hearts and Minds in Blaydon and beyond.

Financial Review and Governance

Financial Overview

Blaydon Youth & Community Centre CIO (BYCC) operates on a not-for-profit basis, ensuring that every pound received directly benefits the local community. Any surplus generated is reinvested into our Reserves, Building, vehicle and Maintenance Fund, or Childcare Contingency Fund, to safeguard the Centre's long-term sustainability and cover essential costs such as building repairs, vehicle replacement, and—if ever required—the responsible winding-up of the charity.

The 2025 accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. Trustees have carefully reviewed budgets, future cashflows, and available resources and are confident that the organisation is well-placed to continue operating effectively in the years ahead.

At each Board meeting, Trustees receive detailed financial and funding reports, monitor cashflow, and review grant income to ensure strong governance and accountability. BYCC remains extremely appreciative of all funders and partners whose continued generosity makes our work possible.

Reserves Policy

Trustees have reviewed the charity's financial risks and established a reserves policy designed to protect BYCC's operations in uncertain times. The policy aims to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to six months of operating costs to ensure stability in the event of unforeseen circumstances or funding delays.

As of December 2025, BYCC held **£176,615 reserves**, representing just over **four months of running costs**. Trustees are committed to rebuilding reserves to the full six-month target through careful budgeting and planned operational surpluses in 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Organisational Structure

BYCC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its Constitution in accordance with Charity Commission requirements. Strategic leadership and oversight are provided by the Board of Trustees, with day-to-day operations delegated to the staff team, led by the Chief Executive Officer.

Trustees

Trustees are elected or co-opted under the terms of the Constitution, bringing a diverse range of professional and community expertise — including representation from local government, education, youth work, and community development. All new Trustees receive a full induction to ensure they understand their legal duties and the charity's operations.

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly assess the major risks facing the charity, including financial, operational, and compliance risks. Appropriate controls and systems are in place to mitigate these, and risk management is a standing item at Board level. The Trustees are satisfied that measures remain robust and proportionate.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing this Annual Report and the accompanying financial statements in line with UK law and accounting standards (Charities SORP). They must ensure that the accounts:

Give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities;
Are prepared using suitable accounting policies applied consistently;
Follow the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and Companies Act 2006 principles; and
Are based on a going concern assumption unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
Trustees are also responsible for maintaining accurate financial records, safeguarding the charity's assets, and ensuring compliance with all relevant legislation. They take seriously their duty to prevent and detect fraud, protect public funds, and maintain transparency in all aspects of financial reporting.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

Maria Hall 28th October 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2025 **Charity no 1186251**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
   - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
   - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: **Date: 20 October 2026**

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT

Address: 42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO
Statement Of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Incoming Resources	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Voluntary Income	**2**	583	152143	152726	262902
Room Hire		89285		89285	86048
Canteen & Catering		78583		78583	56072
Investment Income	**4**	487		487	721
Project Income	**3**	160887		160887	193684
Party Bookings		8448		8448	6421
Total Incoming Resources		**338273**	**152143**	**490416**	**605848**
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities					
Projects & Activities (See notes)	**5**	54797	3458	58255	46995
Canteen		22735		22735	18855
Cost of generating funds					
Maintenance & Premises	**6**	67495	1457	68952	145713
Salary Costs	**8**	129348	147228	276576	263025
Training		380		380	0
Administration	**7**	13648		13648	22104
Vehicle Costs		7802		7802	
Depreciation	**9**	1734	5582	7316	2964
Total Resources Expended		**297939**	**157725**	**455664**	**499656**
Net income (expenditure) for the year		40334	-5582	34752	106192
Net Movement Between Funds		0	0	0	0
Total Funds as at 1 January 2025		326781	25538	352319	246127
Total Funds as at 31 December 2025		**367115**	**19956**	**387071**	**352319**

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	**9**		**29260**		**35373**
Currents Assets					
Debtors		32525		36475	
Cash at bank and in hand		438085		344755	
Current Liabilities	**10**	112799		64284	
Net Current Assets			**357811**		**316946**
Net Assets			**387071**		**352319**
Funds	**11**				
Restricted Funds			19956		25538
General Funds			176615		156281
Designated Funds			190500		170500
			387071		**352319**

Approved by the Committee on 28th October 2026.

and signed on their behalf:

Maria Hall

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Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Blaydon Youth Club meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.
Asseys and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Grant receivable and local authority fees

Grants received are accounted for on a receivable basis and credited to income. Any grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in those accounting periods.

1.3 Donations & Other Income

All income is accounted for when it is received.

1.4 Funds

Restricted funds comprise funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors and funders. The purpose and uses of the restricted reserves are set out in note 12 to the accounts. Unrestricted funds comprise funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Management Committee.

1.5 Expenditure

All is included on the accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity are stated at cost less depreciation.
Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer Equipment	33% on a reducing balance basis
Fixtures & Fittings	20% on a reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% on a reducing balance basis

1.7 Charity Registration

Blaydon Youth and Community Centre CIO was registered with the Charity Commission in November 2019. Assets were transferred from the previous charity Blaydon Youth Club, which had the charity registration number 520735.

2 Grant Income

Grants Received	Defer from 2024	Received	Defer to 2026	Amount for 2025
Community Foundation (Carr-Ellison)	90			90
Community Foundation (VCSE)		20000	6667	13333
Community Foundation (Playscheme)		7976		7976
Community Foundation (UKSPF)		10000	7501	2499
Community Foundation (Akzo Noble & Winter Family Trust)	2965			2965
Community Foundation (Community Chest)	2500			2500
LGA Foundation		5000	4584	416
Ringtons????		4992	4992	0
Ballinger Trust	7500	15000	7500	15000
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities)	16723	44814	21037	40500
Peoples Postcode Lottery	7500	20000	15000	12500
Garfield Weston Foundation	16660	20000	16500	20160
Gateshead Council Easter Youth Cooking/Fridays		9555	5733	3822
Gateshead Council Easter HAF Programme		7927		7927
Gateshead Council Summer HAF Programme		10568		10568
Gateshead Council Community Cohesion		5000		5000
Gateshead Food Partnership		4805	3155	1650
Metro Centre Charity		5000	4583	417
Northumbria PCC	2052			2052
Youth Investment Fund	2768			2768
Total Grants Received	**58758**	**190637**	**97252**	**152143**

3 Project Income

After School & Breakfast Clubs	159256
	159256

4 Investment Income

Bank Interest Receivable	**487**

5 Other Activites

Events & External Provider Costs	45421
Childcare Costs	12834
	58255

6 Maintenance & Premises

Electricity, Gas and Water	23460
Equipment, Maintenance & Repairs	37672
Cleaning Materials & Cleaning	7820
	68952

7 Administration

Insurance	5484
Telephone & Broadband	1831
Licences, IT Support & DBS	1443
Accountancy	780
Payroll	1138
Marketing & Website	1733
Other General Admin	1239
	13648

Vehicle

Repairs & Servicing	1466
Fuel Costs	661
Insurance	3841
Licences and Other Costs	1834
	7802

8 Employees

Salary Costs	276576
Total Employee Costs	**276576**

The average no. of employees was **15** for the year.

No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	2025			
	Fixtures & Fittings	**Computer Equip.**	**Motor Vehicles**	**Total**
Cost				
At 1 January 2025	38962	2824	62659	104445
Additions				0
Disposals				
At 31 December 2025	38962	2824	62659	104445
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	30294	2824	34751	67869
Charge for the year	1734		5582	7316
Disposals				
At 31 December 2025	32028	2824	40333	75185
Net Book Value 31 December 2025	**6934**	**0**	**22326**	**29260**
Net Book Value 31 December 2024	**10835**	**0**	**3187**	**14022**

10 Current Debtors

National Lottery Fund (Reaching Communities)	27450
Sundry Debtors	5075
Total Current Debtors	**32525**

10 Current Liabilities

Deferred Grants (see Note 2)	97252
HMRC PAYE & NI for December 2025	5992
Grant Recd in error	9555
	112799

11 Fund Year End Balances

Restricted Funds	Balance Jan-25	Income	Expend	Balance Dec-25
Community Foundation (Carr-Ellison)		90	90	**0**
Community Foundation (VCSE)		13333	13333	**0**
Community Foundation (Playscheme)		7976	7976	**0**
Community Foundation (UKSPF)		2499	2499	**0**
Community Foundation (Community Chest)		2500	2500	**0**
Community Foundation (Akzo Noble & Winter Family Trust)		2965	2965	**0**
LGA Foundation		416	416	**0**
Netherton Park Trust				**0**
Ballinger Trust		15000	15000	**0**
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities)		40500	40500	**0**
The National Lottery Community Fund (Reaching Communities - Mini Bus)	25538		5582	**19956**
Peoples Postcode Lottery		12500	12500	**0**
Garfield Weston Foundation		20160	20160	**0**
Gateshead Council Christmas HAF				**0**
Gateshead Council Easter HAF Programme		7927	7927	**0**
Gateshead Council Easter Youth Cooking/Fridays		3822	3822	**0**
Gateshead Council Community Cohesion		5000	5000	
Gateshead Council Wam Spaces				**0**
Gateshead Council Summer HAF Programme		10568	10568	**0**
Gateshead Food Partnership		1650	1650	**0**
Metro Centre Charity		417	417	**0**
Northumbria PCC		2052	2052	**0**
Youth Investment Fund		2768	2768	**0**
Total	**25538**	**152143**	**157725**	**19956**

Designated Funds	Balance Dec-25
Legal Liability Fund	£55,500
Asset (Building & Vehicle) Contingency Fund	£105,000
Childcare Operations Contingency Fund	£30,000
Total	**£190,500**

During the year the Designated Funds were reviewed and updated:

Legal Liability Fund £55,500
(To deal with any potential costs around closure or partial closure)

Asset (Building & Vehicle) Contingency Fund £105,000
(To deal with any potential costs around maintenance and upkeep of those assets)

Childcare Operations Contingency Fund £30,000
(To ensure we can deliver on-going quality childcare)

General Reserves
We aim to have between three and six months running costs in General Reserve, as recommended by the Charity Commission.
In 2025, our General Reserve amount represented five months running costs.