Bromley and Downham Youth Club (Registered Charity No: 302947)

TRUSTEES REPORT September 2026

(For operating period 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

Our Facility

The building now operates as a Community Venue offering facilities for the local community. It is used by church groups, a judo class, spin class and various other ad hoc activities such as children's party venue. The Bromley and Downham Amateur Boxing Club still operates and this provides services to the young people of the area and works closely with the local borough to support the less advantaged members of community. Also operating out of the building is a Pre-School and a Not for Profit school for young people that are experiencing barriers to attending their mainstream education provision.

Funding

No direct funding is received with all income generated by the rental of the premises used to pay the utility bills, maintenance and the salary of 1 part-time staff member.

The Building

The main building was built in 1938 and has various additions since then, the latest being in 2012 when a major redevelopment of the sports hall provide a purpose built fully equipped boxing gym and a full size indoor sports area. New showers and toilets were installed at the same time. This new facility was officially opened in May 2012 by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Regularly maintenance of the premises is undertaken to ensure it is a safe and secure environment for all the users.

The building is being regularly improved and now provides new small kitchenette downstairs, refurbished kitchen on 1st floor and re-design storage space on ground floor.

The Future

Whilst it is difficult to plan for the future in these uncertain times, the Trustees are striving hard to further develop and improve the building and are investigating the possible installation of solar heating.

We are looking at every opportunity to increase community use by expanding the number and variety of groups using the premises and to ensure the facilities are available for the benefit of less able young people of the area.

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