

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER : 304254

TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

Tove Accountancy Ltd
Office 6, Town Hall
86 Watling Street East
Towcester
Northants
NN12 6BS

TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity No.	304254
Trustees	Towcester Town Council
Correspondence Address	Towcester Town Hall 86 Watling Street East Towcester NN12 6BS
Governing Instrument	Unincorporated Charity Registration 24 August 1970: standard registration
Objects	The Charity provides a venue for social and recreational activities for the well being of the inhabitants of our town.
Statement of Financial Activities	The attached receipts and payments account with accompanying notes set out a true and fair view of the finances of the charity for the period.
Independent Examiner	Tove Accountancy Ltd Office 6, Town Hall 86 Watling Street East Towcester Northants NN12 6BS

TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

Description of the Charity

Objects To improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of political, religious or other opinions by the provision and maintenance of a community centre for use by the inhabitants, including use for: A) meetings, lectures and classes; and B) other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation.

Areas of benefit Towcester

Address Towcester Town Hall
86 Watling Street East
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NN12 6BS

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustee Towcester Town Council is the Sole Trustee of the Charity

Trustees Annual Report
2023/24 Financial Year

Following the demise of Northamptonshire County Council, and formation of a new unitary authority, West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) with effect from 1st April 2021, the agreement to provide accommodation at the Community Centre for a Children's Centre has been taken over by WNC and this continues to operate successfully under identical terms. The annual rent is currently £16,760.00 and, in addition to this, WNC contributes towards the costs for insurance, utilities and cleaning of the premises via an annual recharge.

The self-contained accommodation at the Community Centre continues to provide a suitable space which supports the activities of Towcester Town Football Club. This use is allowed is free of charge.

Regular hirers of the Community Centre during the 2023/24 Financial Year included:-

Little Borrowers (formerly Towcester Toy Library)
Towcester Table Tennis Club
Yoga 4 All Class / Shine Yoga Class
The National Childbirth Trust
Regular weekend bookings, mostly children's parties, supplement the income for the centre.

The Town Council continues to work closely with the local South Northants Policing Team to help alleviate anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the centre and the Clerk is the appointed Police Liaison Representative for the town, the purpose of this role being to improve communications between the Police, the Town Council, the local Neighbourhood Watch group and the communities they serve.

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In 2023/24, the Town Council appointed a new Facilities Officer, whose remit includes reviewing and scheduling outstanding works required to the premises with the aim of extending the longevity of the building, which has considerably exceeded its expected lifespan, and to increase its appeal to attract additional hirers. Expenditure in respect of maintenance and repairs has increased as a consequence of this appointment.

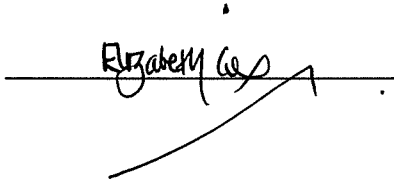
The trustees consider the Towcester Community Centre Trust has met the objectives of the Charity by helping the people of Towcester develop their physical and mental abilities in a safe and caring environment.

The sum of £20,000.00 is ringfenced within the bank account for the Towcester Youth & Community Centre to act as a reserve. This represents the estimated operating costs for the centre for 12 months, and includes an allowance for unplanned maintenance/repairs. A reduction in the account balance to near this reserve will trigger a meeting of Towcester Town Council, as sole Trustees, to determine an appropriate course of action.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Elizabeth Cox

26/01/2025



Name

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Towcester Community Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or

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.



26/01/2025

Michael Cooke

Dated

For and on behalf of:

Tove Accountancy Ltd

Office 6, Town Hall, 86 Watling Street East, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BS

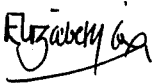
**TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts				
West Northamptonshire Council Rent	16,760	0	16,760	16,760
Rent from other Users	6,678	0	6,678	5,443
Recharge due from West Northamptonshire Council	8,591	0	8,591	12,150
Total	32,029	0	32,029	34,353
Payments (note 2)				
Raising funds	272	0	272	0
Charitable activities	0	0	0	0
Managing and administering the Charity	45,046	0	45,046	35,302
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	45,318	0	45,318	35,302
Net receipts	(13,289)	0	(13,289)	(950)
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	71,265	0	71,265	72,215
Cash funds this year end	57,976	0	57,976	71,265

TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash funds		
Prepayments	0	0
Debtors	0	0
Bank	57,976	71,265
Cash	0	0
Total	<u>57,976</u>	<u>71,265</u>
Represented by:		
Unrestricted funds	57,976	71,265
Restricted Funds	0	0
Total funds	<u>57,976</u>	<u>71,265</u>
Assets retained for the Charity's use		
Equipment	0	0
Land & Property	0	0
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Liabilities		
Accountant's fees	420	420
Loan	0	0
Other	834	2,936
Total	<u>1,254</u>	<u>3,356</u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees



Elizabeth Cox

26/01/2025

Signature

Name

Date of approval

**TOWCESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines and legal requirements. These accounts have been prepared under the going concern concept.

2. Payments

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Raising funds			
Rent refunds	272	0	272
	<u>272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>272</u>
Charitable activities			
	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Managing and administering the Charity			
Utility Bills	7,230	0	4,633
Wages - Caretaker	7,215	0	10,725
PAYE	0	0	600
Pensions	1,802	0	2,804
Accountancy	420	0	420
Repairs & Maintenance	19,224	0	8,923
Cleaning	4,368	0	3,092
Insurance	4,722	0	4,040
Bank Charges	66	0	66
	<u>45,046</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,302</u>
Other			
Sundry expenses	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total payments	<u>45,318</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,575</u>

2. Assets

Towcester Community Centre Trust owns the Community Centre building at Islington Road, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6AU. The insured value of the building is £65,000.00 and the contents insured value is £5,200.

Towcester Community Centre Trust received Recharge amount of £8,590.53 from West Northamptonshire Council in respect of expenditure incurred £10,978.91. The difference £978.91 is due to be paid after the year end

3. Liabilities

Towcester Community Centre Trust owed Towcester Town Council £734.45 for expenditure recharged at the end of the year, this was paid after the yearend.
Refund of hire deposit £100.00 was paid after the year end