

MIDDLESBROUGH CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2023 – OCTOBER

2024

Thank you to all who support and volunteers for another successful year of Fellowship activities that were carried out both on a Saturday morning and Wednesday evening.

Masses were held throughout the year around the diocese and it was good to catch up with friends old and new. Attending mass at Thirsk for the first time and also introduced some parishes we had not attended for a while and a huge thank you to all the priests and parishioners for their kindness and continued hospitality.

Clubs

Weekly clubs ran smoothly throughout the year and Wednesday club is well attended and Saturday Club also going well, throughout this year only one Wednesday night was cancelled due to heating problem. Thanks to all our volunteers who also separately set up various activities ie crafts etc to have people conducting these activities we are very lucky as this enable the groups to enjoy their activities.

Transport:

Both buses continued to be maintained throughout but a special thanks to SP Motors for many years of service and repairs on the buses and we are now using Nigel at Auto Enterprise in Middlesbrough.

Shop: The shop continues to trade on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Shop is always our main source of income at the best of times, and our thanks goes to the group of volunteers for their services to the shop.

Activities:

In September 2024 the autumn fundraiser was held at the 4 Alls and was well attended with a great Elvis tribute from Niall Southall raising vital funds to continue fellowship activities.

December 2024 Pantomime was attended and enjoyed by all and a thank you to the Theatre team for looking after us.

Easter Monday in April saw our Annual Easter Walk take place starting at Albert Park Entrance and finishing at the Holy Name for refreshments and Easter Games.

June 2024 saw 'Pop Goes to the Movies' held in the 4 Alls which was enjoyed by all our members and their families.

March 2024 AGM held all positions were up for re-election and Steve Purvis stepped down from the committee and we thank Steve for all his hardwork as Treasurer over the years.

This position was taken up by Carole Channa and we also voted on Julia Nestor onto the Committee..

Helper training was carried out in July 2024 for those attending the holiday and a thank you to Theresa for arranging the training.

Holidays:

The holiday was well attended in August for 1 week at Wydale Hall, Brompton by Sawdon and was enjoyed by all.

Fundraising:

There was quite a few donations made throughout the year and Easter Eggs for the Easter Sponsored walk.
Our thanks to all that donated to these fundraising events as we are reliant on this generosity.

Other Business:

Bereavements:

Sadly during the past year we had the following bereavements of members of the fellowship:

Also during the past year we lost people that were closely associated to the fellowship:

Edit Bayles (Susan Walton's Aunty)

Kathleen Armstrong who lived in Rotherham but Kathleen's parents helped to establish the Middlesbrough Fellowship group.

Chris Kelly (Karen Kelly's brother)

John Turnbull (Bernie Turnbull's husband)

May they rest in peace.

Big Birthdays:

We celebrated some "big" birthdays during the past year. Many congratulations to Theresa Flaherty celebrated her 60th birthday and Alison Hannaway celebrated his 50th birthday and Helen Passman celebrated her 70th birthday.

Lastly, thank you, as always, to our unsung heroes/heroines who do so much behind the scenes to help the Fellowship run smoothly.

Carole for overseeing our accounts. Donna for our end of year accounts. Committee Members, and all our helpers.

Thank you all for making our Fellowship a happy and safe place for our Members.

Cheryl Owens-James
Secretary

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER 2024


2023	INCOME	2024
£ 7,614.87	Membership & Donations	£ 8,122.00
£ 2,662.32	Autumn Draw	£ 3,413.00
£ 9,881.10	Holiday Subscriptions	£ 9,200.00
£ 935.00	100 Club Takings	£ 684.00
£ 24,950.77	Shop Takings	£ 23,309.63
£ 7,193.50	Sundries	£ 5,043.80
£ 308.28	Bank Interest	£ 278.82
£ 770.00	Not Income	£ 88,312.19
£ 54,315.84	Total	£ 50,051.25
2023	EXPENDITURE	2024
£ 29,456.25	Transport	£ 11,933.22
£ 5,168.20	Parties & Outings	£ 5,028.25
£ 4,096.78	Youth Club / Play Group	£ 1,646.96
£ 26,191.66	Holiday costs	£ 27,839.19
£ 10,438.80	Shop Overheads	£ 11,589.74
£ 760.00	100 Club Prizes	£ 740.00
£ 1,473.36	Sundries	£ 1,312.09
£ 77,585.05	Total	£ 60,089.45
£ (23,269.21)	Surplus / Deficit For Year	£ (10,038.20)
£ 125,569.07	Previous Balance Brought Forward	£ 101,406.93
£ 102,299.86	Total	£ 91,368.73
	Represented By Cash At Bank	
£ 88,312.19	Deposit Account	
£ 13,094.74	Current Account	£ 91,368.73
£ 101,406.93	Total	£ 91,368.73
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AUDITORS / INDEPENDENT INSPECTION REPORT

I have examined the books and records of Middlesbrough Catholic Handicapped Fellowship and in my opinion the above income and expenditure account shows a true and fair view of the affairs of that organisation for the year ended 31 October 2024.

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Date 3 August 2024
Our ref LC/S0664/SFW/AXC
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Dear Samantha

**Eston Handicapped Fellowship
Receipts and payments account year ended 31 October 2024**

Having reviewed the books and records of the above named I believe the financial statements presented offer a true and fair view.

Opening bank balance	£11,727.17
Receipts	£0.00
Total receipts	£0.00
Payments	
Christmas/Easter gifts	£2,500.00
Total payments	£2,500.00

Information is available in large print, audio tape and Braille formats.
Type Talk service prefix number – 18001

Business Head, East: Colin Barclay



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Starting bank balance	£11,727.17
Total receipts	£0.00
	£11,727.17.17
Less payments	£2,500.00
Closing balance	£9,227.17
Difference	£0.00

Yours sincerely

Alexander Chadwick
HM Inspector of Taxes

Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship - East Cleveland Group

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Providing Activities for People with Special Needs

Chair's Report to Annual General Meeting 9 November 2024

1. The Officers for the Group remain, as above, for the forthcoming year.
2. The Group consists of 11 regular members and 4 regular carers. Other carers supported on occasions.

The group continues to use Redcar Rugby Club as a base for general Wednesday evening activities. Our sincere thanks are once again offered to the Committee, Steward and Bar Staff of Redcar Rugby Club for the warm welcome we receive on these occasions. The Club provides a pool table, and other pub games for the group and permits us to bring in our own food when we wish to do so. On some evenings members of the group generously supply tasty snacks to help celebrate special occasions. The domino games have become very competitive when members challenge for biscuits as prizes.

During the year every effort is made to engage the members in a variety of activities within the limits of our funds. During the year we have been to pantomime, Earthbeat Theatre, the cinema and bowling.

The atmosphere of the group on all occasions is full of enthusiasm, friendly and fun-loving. Members are eager to take part and carers are inspired by the many phone calls and text messages between evenings out. Members continually express their thanks wholeheartedly for their activities.

I cannot praise too highly the consistent, freely-given and enthusiastic commitment of the carers: Stephen Askins, Paul McGeady, and Fiona Bailey and for the occasional but much needed support from: Shane McGeady, Martin Askins, Ann Corey and Declan McGeady.

The Summer evenings allow the group to enjoy a variety of walks around Redcar, Saltburn and the Tees Barrage. The Redcar group regularly joins the Middlesbrough Group for Fellowship Masses on the third Sunday of each month.

Incidents of concern

There were no recorded incidents, accidents, or causes of concern recorded this year.

Group Chair --- D Corey



Group Secretary --S Askins



Date: 1 August 2025

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Providing Activities for People with Special Needs

Balance at 1 November 2023

HSBC Account 71094041 (statement 31 Oct 2023) £5469.13

INCOME

1 Nov'23 to 31 Oct'24

Subs £180.00

Donations £.00

Contributions £ 127.80

Total £307.80

EXPENDITURE

Wed refreshments £1646.52

Theatre £314.50

Meals £363.25

Total £2324.27

Expenditure / Income - £2016.47

Pending transactions to be settled - £ 467.34

Total £2483.81

Balance at 31 October 2024

HSBC Account 71094041 (statement 31 Oct 24) **£3920.00**

Group Chair --- D Corey



Group Secretary --S Askins



Date: 1 August 2025