



ANNUAL REPORT

Year ending September 2021

Slaithwaite Community Association

Slaithwaite Community Centre
Bankgate
Slaithwaite
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Registered Charity No. 516991

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Introduction

In 1983 the Church of England infants' School in Slaithwaite closed and its pupils transferred to the Junior School at Two Gates. A number of local people expressed an interest in using the school building as a meeting place for local groups. A public meeting was held, which was very well-attended and support was expressed for this idea. There was a strong feeling that a building that had served the village for over 100 years should not be lost. The owner of the building, Lord Dartmouth, agreed to lease the building for community purposes with the responsibility for its maintenance to be in the hands of an elected committee.

The Association is a registered charity and as well as its role as the Managing Committee for the Community centre it has the aim of encouraging and promoting community life in Slaithwaite. It seeks to achieve this by providing facilities at a reasonable cost for the groups and organisations that meet at the centre and also by helping to facilitate events that bring together the many interest groups in the village as well as people of all ages who do not belong to any organised group.

All residents of Slaithwaite are considered to be members of the Association and there is no membership fee. The association is run by a committee of volunteers elected at the Annual General meeting held in the autumn. Its meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

This report covers the period from 30th September 2020 to 29th September 2021.

Trustees and Committee

Mr Gordon Beever

Mrs Susan Fell

Mr John Scott

Chairperson - Linda Hinchliffe

Vice Chairperson - Adam Routleech

Treasurer - Andrew Garsed

Secretary - Julie Shaw

Booking Secretary - Jo Collier

Pam Wood

Richard Izzard

Kim Soothill (Meals on Wheels)

A representative from SPlaT

Slaithwaite Community Centre

The centre has been through a difficult and unprecedented period over the last year due to the Covid pandemic but I am very pleased to be able to say that we have survived and have been able to keep open for key services such as childcare and Meals on Wheels.

One or two groups returned to the centre for a short period in autumn last year but for the most part, the centre has been little used. This September has seen the return of most of our regular users and we are delighted to welcome everyone back and see the centre busy again.

To help us during Covid we have received some government funding and have been able to help groups financially to keep running and re-establish themselves. Social activities have been restricted but we did host our first wedding reception at the centre. All the groups who use the building are encouraged to nominate a representative to sit on the Association Committee. In this way we aim to ensure that decision making about the Community centre rests with the people who use it.

Groups Currently Involved are:

Slaithwaite Playgroup and Toddlers (SPlaT)
Slaithwaite After School and Holiday Club
Slaithwaite Breakfast Club
Slaithwaite Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers
Slaithwaite Rainbows and Brownies
Slubbing Billy's
Moonrakers
Pilates Classes
Languages for Fun
Meals on Wheels
Healthy Bones
Fit Club
Soul Choir
Stagecoach
Waves

Community Centre Developments

We have a very small core group of volunteers who continue to work hard to maintain and develop the Community Centre but we would still like to actively encourage the involvement of more local people who have a little time to spare. We would particularly welcome new committee members with fresh ideas.

The maintenance and refurbishment of the building is an ongoing challenge and as soon as one job is finished, another problem presents itself.

This year we have completed our goal of installing LED lighting in almost all rooms. Once again, we received financial help from One Community for which we are very grateful. The refurbishment of the South Hall toilets is now completed and is a great improvement.

The Merrydale Room, formerly Toddlers, has been made into a multi-use space and has been used by Waves since April this year. Unfortunately, Waves are leaving us at the end of September and will be meeting on their own premises again. We wish them well and will miss them. We now have another multi-use space for groups to hire.

Slaithwaite Christmas Lights

Unfortunately, we were not able to have a Christmas lights switch-on event in the village last year. However, the lights went up and were quietly switched on and were a much-appreciated element of the festive period. Many thanks to Richard and his team for organising this and as always, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to put up the lights.

We are very grateful to all the shops, organisations and traders who once again stepped up and sponsored the lights.

Centre Plans for 2021/2022

This has been another challenging year because of Covid19. Committee members have worked very hard to keep the centre running and we are now at a stage where things are beginning to return to normal as regards use of the centre. However, there is still much uncertainty and we are concentrating our efforts on the day to day running of the Community Centre. We would like to attract more groups to use the centre, particularly during the day when the centre is less used. As regards the building, our next plans are the redecoration of the North and South Halls and implementing the next phase of the playground development.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all the committee members and volunteers for the huge amount of time and effort that has been invested in running the centre. Everyone has been very supportive and stepped in at difficult times.

Thank you to our Staff, Pam Wood and Kenny Carr, for carrying out their vital work and keeping the place running smoothly. A warm welcome to Gill Maginess who started in August as relief and part-time caretaker, helping out at weekends and staff holidays.

Thanks also go to all the groups who continue to use and support the centre.

SLAITHWAITE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
SLAITHWAITE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Slaithwaite Community Association for the year ended 31st May 2021.

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 respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Signed: *Alison Parkinson*

Name: ALISON PARKINSON

Address: 5 SLANT GATE, SLAITHWAITE, HUDDERSFIELD, HD7 5RQ

Date: 26/08/2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2021

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>2020</u>
Trading Income	6616	22417
Grants	26811	26247
Donations	200	1109
Christmas Lights	4472	1870
Arts Festival	0	8175
Fundraising	0	602
Interest Received	15	122
	38114	60543
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Rates and Insurance	2363	4988
Lighting and Heating	3529	4645
Provision for Bad Debts	-965	0
Christmas Lights	4527	1797
Arts Festival	0	2889
Wages	7938	7117
Telephone and Broadband	297	246
Fundraising Activities	0	21
Postage, Stationery and Advertising	4	0
Repairs and Renewals	3361	3984
Cleaning Materials	614	396
Accountancy	60	60
Waste Disposal	525	891
Sundry Expenses	566	662
Provision for Depreciation	1974	1677
	<u>24793</u>	29375
Net Income	13321	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY 2021

<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		<u>DEPCN</u>		
Boiler & Heating installation	11608	11159	449	499
Structural Improvements to Property	41070	24423	16647	15031
Fittings & Equipment	11533	5670	5863	4615
Security Systems	6513	6435	78	91
	<u>70724</u>	<u>47687</u>		
<u>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</u>			23037	20236

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors & Prepaid Expenses	3351			3072
Cash at Bank	74277			64430
Petty Cash in Hand	2			2
		77630		67504

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors & Accrued expenses		7039		7433
			<u>70591</u>	<u>60071</u>

NET ASSETS

93628 **80307**

FINANCED BY

ACCUMULTATED FUNDS

Balance as at 1st June 2020			80307	49139
Net Income for the year			13321	31168

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APPROVED BY AND SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



CHAIRPERSON

4/10/21

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