



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From June 1st 2024 to May 31st 2025.

Charity name: Corbridge Community Partnership

Charity registration number: 1203377

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision and maintenance of the former Corbridge Methodist Church for the use of the inhabitants of the local area without distinction of political, religious or other opinions, for recreation and leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	A building / base for, among other things, the provision of services to the Corbridge community in partnership with others. Including in the areas of health, welfare, education and well-being. The charity is newly formed but with plans advancing. We have also opened the Corbridge Heritage Centre in part of the building, a new facility for both residents and visitors staffed by local volunteers.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees of the Corbridge Community Partnership have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. This guidance has also been circulated to all trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Additional funds which are not immediately required are placed in a deposit account to earn interest.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	As well as its trustees, the Corbridge Community Partnership is supported by a number of volunteers. Over 20 form part of a team staffing the (free entry) Corbridge Heritage Centre - one part of our building - which is open for a number of hours four days a week. Other volunteers help in many other ways, including the day to day upkeep of the building, giving their expert advice in various fields, grant applications, liaising with other organisations and running fund raising events plus a weekly 'Warm Welcome Cafe' and twice monthly 'Tea and Chat' drop in afternoons.
Other		N/A

## Achievements and Performance

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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>This annual report covers the second 12 months of the Corbridge Community Partnership's operation as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.</p> <p>Corbridge Community Partnership has agreed with the Tynedale Methodist Circuit a plan to develop community use at the now closed Corbridge Methodist Church on Princes Street. The Partnership has use of the building during 2024/5 to provide some key activities, prepare plans, assess viability for future use and negotiate with the Circuit for longer term use of the building through a long lease or purchase. If this is not successful, the building will go on the open market and is likely to be sold for residential conversion or demolition and new house building.</p> <p>The "Corbridge Community Hub" will focus on providing mainly health and well-being services across the age groups and will complement the other community facilities in the village, notably the Parish Hall, which mainly offer venues to be booked by local sports, arts and hobby groups. It will also host the Corbridge Heritage Centre, connecting local people and visitors with Corbridge's fascinating history through displays and interpretation.</p> <p>The Partnership is committed to providing services which the community wants and needs, and has carried out – and continues - extensive public consultation through Corbridge Matters magazine, social media, open days, public meetings and direct contact.</p> <p>The concept is to provide a home for partner organisations to provide health and well-being services, alongside the Heritage Centre which celebrates our history and a community café at the heart of the building. Working with all parts of our village community including the most vulnerable.</p> <p>Our consultations have also included meetings both with potential charities who require a base for their community services in Corbridge and a wide range of advisors. Also meetings with our local MP, Northumberland County Council representatives and local councillor and the chair of Corbridge Parish Council. All support us in our aims and plans.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Already rebranded the former Methodist Church as the 'Corbridge Community Hub' / 'The Hub'.</li> <li>2. We have opened a Heritage Centre that has been well received by both the local community and visitors to Corbridge.</li> <li>3. Community organisations continue to use the Hub to deliver their services e.g. Royal National Institute for Deaf People and St Andrew's Church.</li> </ol>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have been successful in a number of grant applications together with Crowdfunding. Raising over £30,000 in total.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year, c£37k held in funds. Although a healthy balance, the upkeep and development of the building will require extensive funds which we plan to raise through initially charging for the rent of the hall, fund raising and grant applications.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trust has determined that an appropriate level of reserves should be no less than six months of operating costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6000 based on current cost levels.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Costs of refurbishment.</li> <li>2. Securing rental income from potential users.</li> <li>3. Continual fund raising activity raising the sums required.</li> </ol>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grant applications.</li> <li>2. Fund raising.</li> <li>3. Rental income.</li> <li>4. Heritage Centre donations and sales.</li> </ol>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Failure to raise adequate funding.</li> <li>2. Costs of refurbishment increasing.</li> <li>3. Commitment of volunteers.</li> </ol>
Other		N/A

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:			
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation.	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are recruited with regard to appropriate skills. Potential trustees are interviewed by at least two current trustees. Trustees can be reappointed on a rolling three year cycle.	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All policies are located on the CCP shared drive including annual accounts, safeguarding and procedures. All new trustees are given access to this drive and any further information / advice required.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity operates on a voluntary basis based on several operational groups which includes trustees with the relevant skills. An executive team monitors strategy and focuses on improving productivity.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Main partners are: Northumberland County Council. Corbridge Parish Council. Methodist Church. St Andrew's Church, Corbridge.
Other		N/A

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Corbridge Community Partnership
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Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1203377
Charity's principal address	Corbridge Community Hub Princes Street Corbridge NE45 5DB

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Crompton	Chair		
2	Maurice Hodgson			
3	Marie Beard			
4	David Kennedy			
5	Linda Hunter			
6	David Waugh			
7	Jen Horton	Treasurer		
8	Ian Wylie			
9	Berenice Groves			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
N/A		



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser

Name

Address

Re-viewer	Arthur Wappat FCA	Town Farm Cottage, Trinity Terrace, Corbridge NE45 5HP

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

<i>David Crompton</i>	
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Full name(s)

David Crompton	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

28 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
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CORBRIDGE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP				
Receipts and Payments Statement for the year ended 31st May 2025				
	2025		2024	
<b>Income:</b>				
Hire charges	£5,150.44	£5,150.44		£2,257.50
Heritage Centre	£1,905.32	£1,905.32		£3,687.93
Coffee Morning	£530.20	£530.20		£1,504.90
Grants/Donatio	£36,018.70	£36,018.70		£32,696.56
Special Events	£2,847.36	£2,847.36		£1,050.00
Sale of Juice	£17,299.34	£17,299.34		£7,875.36
Miscellaneous	£2,723.00	£2,723.00		£493.00
Interest	£333.35	£333.35		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£66,807.71</b>		<b>£49,565.25</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
Running Costs	£4,091.56		£1,059.49	
Caretaking/ cle	£1,561.57		£67.72	
Improvements	£7,245.28		£6,564.60	
Repair/Refurbis	<u>£2,239.60</u>	£15,138.01	<u>£369.98</u>	£8,061.79
Prof fees	£25.00	£25.00	£1,281.00	£1,281.00
Paid to Charity	£14,016.64	£14,016.64		
Misc Expenditu	£2,029.45	£2,029.45	£748.30	£748.30
Heritage centre	£1,788.40	£1,788.40	£1,204.87	£1,204.87
Station	£427.79	£427.79	£58.98	£58.98
Apple Juice	£6,860.97	£6,860.97	£3,178.93	£3,178.93
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£40,286.26</b>		<b>£14,533.87</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>£26,521.45</b>		<b>£35,031.38</b>
Independently checked by:		REVIEWER Auditor: Arthur Wappat		Date: February 28th 2026

Arthur Wappat

Date:					
Surplus		£26,521.45			
add back one off costs:					
display boards		£4,168.80			
architects		£1,440.00			
Revised surplus		£30,690.25			



## REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CORBRIDGE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Whilst carrying out the review of the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year to 31 May 2025, there are a number of points to which I would like to draw their attention.

Notwithstanding these matters, which are minor, I believe the accounts as drawn up fairly show the results for the year and the balance sheet represents the position of the Trust for the as at 31 May 2025

The particular points I raise are:

There are a few amounts banked for which no details are available.

These are Jane Darbyshire 3x £100, HCDW £280, Cash deposit £365, Deposit post office £755, DW boards, BMB Rem £918.

It is not possible to determine whether or not they have been correctly categorised as to which source of income they are attributed. They have therefore been classed as 'miscellaneous' which I have accepted.

As the accounts have been prepared on a cash basis, it is not possible to establish the value of any stock of apple juice as being carried at the year end. Nor is it possible to identify the total value received and sold. Owing to the nature of this income, I do not feel that there will be a better practical method of accounting for this.

As the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, and not the accruals basis, there have been no prepayments identified nor accrued costs included. This results in the repayment due from HMCR for Gift Aid not being included as the claim has not yet been submitted.

As the books are written up at intervals following the events, a more prompt book keeping should eliminate these matters.

There are three amounts shown as debtors at 31 May 2025 still outstanding which were outstanding from 31 May 2024. As these were outstanding for longer than a year, I have accepted that these are good, and recoverable as are all amounts outstanding on the debtors list. These 3 old debts total £280 and if not recoverable and will be written off in the current year.

There are a number of payments of expenses out of petty cash for which there are no receipts available and the petty cash is not fully described as having been expended but I

have been assured by management that a system is now in place to ensure this does not happen in future.

Notwithstanding these points, they are not material and therefor do not detract from the understanding of the accounts prepared.



Arthur Wappat FCA

28th February 2026

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