

**THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>THURGOLAND VILLAGE WELFARE</b>
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	523970
<b>Principal Address:</b>	Thurgoland Village Hall Roper Lane Thurgoland Sheffield S35 7AA
<b>Correspondence Address (Treasurer)</b>	30 Carr Head Rd Howbrook Sheffield S35 7HG
<b>Trustees:</b>	Harold Denton Margaret Denton Marjorie Denton David Denton John Anderson Catherine Evans Rebecca Davies Sarah Mann Patrick Finn James Wallis James Robinson Terry Frank John Harris Jackie Travis
<b>Chair:</b>	Patrick Finn
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	James Wallis
<b>Treasurer:</b>	John Anderson
<b>Secretary</b>	Margaret Denton

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

### **Structure, governance and management**

Thurgoland Village Welfare (formally known as the Thurgoland Miners Welfare Scheme) is registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, originally dated 16 August 1926, as amended by Deed of Variation on 17 July 1973 and subsequently amended by order of the Commissioners dated 9 February 2007. The affairs of the Charity are managed by the trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting by the membership. Membership of the Charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and who has indicated agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members as set out in the constitution.

### **Charitable aims and objectives**

The objects of the charity are:

*To provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time with the objective of improving community cohesion and the condition of life for the residents of Thurgoland and its neighbourhood.*

### **Activities undertaken for the public benefit**

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

### **The Contribution of Volunteers during the year**

The Charity could not function without the contribution of a large number of volunteers who help run the Luncheon Club for the elderly, the many who help with the Fun Day in July and those who help behind the scenes, locking and unlocking the Village Hall for functions, putting out bins for collection, minor repairs, clearing gutters etc.

All the Committee members are unpaid volunteers and collectively their contributions help make the Village Hall and Youth Centre a vibrant social centre for village activities, promoting positive community relations.

### **Achievements & Performance during the period**

The Welfare Committee have committed to a long term programme of building maintenance to update and upgrade its facilities for the benefit of the local community

## Building works and Improvements carried out in 2018

Using grant aid and fundraising there were many substantial projects and improvements carried out in 2019.

- The Village Hall foyer was altered, creating a new entrance to the disabled toilet.
- The Toilets, Foyer and Kitchen were all redecorated
- Powerful new hot air driers were installed in three toilets.
- 110 new chairs were purchased for the hall
- The store behind the stage was cleared, decorated and carpeted
- New stage curtains were ordered
- A substantial overhaul of the drains was carried out to cure the leaks
- Trees outside the hall car park and by the tennis court were pruned
- New equipment was purchased (sports equipment, CD player, Vacuum cleaner)
- A new Website was created

## Grants & Fundraising in 2019

The Welfare has been awarded a number of grants in 2019...

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| • South Yorkshire Community Grant – laptop, website, banners, printing | £1799  |
| • South Yorkshire Community Grant - Creating disabled toilets          | £4200  |
| • Santander 12 volunteer helpers for a day (Fun Day preparation) plus  | £ 250  |
| • Greggs to take Luncheon Club away coach trip & refreshments          | £1027  |
| • BMBC Ward Alliance towards toilet refurbishment                      | £1000  |
| • Localgiving Magic Grant – for floodlights & equipment for Muga       | £ 500  |
| • Awards 4 All for refurbishment, chairs, carpets, materials           | £9784  |
| • BMBC Ward Alliance Grant for First Aid training                      | £ 480  |
| • Thurgoland Parish Council grant 50% cost of grass cutting            | £ 654  |
| • Sport England grant to replace the guttering around the green        | £7,000 |

**Total raised through grant aid 2019** **£26,694**

In addition to revenue from grants the Welfare benefits from regular donations, either monthly or annually. It also runs social fundraising events, it organises the village Fun Day and receives income from lettings, both for regular events and one off parties and events.

## Luncheon Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime a team of volunteers on a rota work hard to cook and serve a hot meal at low cost to anyone living alone over the age of 65. This provides a valuable social service providing a nourishing meal and helping to combat loneliness. They also arrange occasional day trips.

## Village Fun Day 9 July 2019

The Village Fun Day was a great success attracting approaching 1,000 visitors from the village and the surrounding area. Blessed with good weather the day kicked off with a Pet

Show in the school and then the traditional parade around the village led by a brass band, majorettes and the Queen and attendants on a decorated pickup. The theme was Peter Pan and the day featured the usual variety of stalls and attractions. In total the day raised £4,022, split equally between the school and the Welfare. In 2020 the Fun Day will be held on Sunday 5 July with the theme 'At the Seaside'.

### **Thespians**

A feature of village life has been the production by Thurgoland Thespians of the Village Pantomime, which in February 2019 with 'Captain Crabbs and the Secret Island'. This tradition has run for well over 30 years with 5 of the original members still performing. As always the productions have been a great success and the pantomime for 2020 was 'Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood'. The local primary school also makes use of the facilities, performing their excellent summer production in July 2018.

### **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club continues to thrive, hosting many tournaments with local players achieving excellent results and attracting numerous teams from around the area. Dave Denton won a national award for his high scoring in his age group. Its members are to be congratulated for maintaining the green and facilities to very high standards. The Bowling Club received a grant from Awards 4 All to build a new secure storage unit for its equipment and recently received a grant of £7,000 towards refurbishing the green with new guttering and paving around the edges of the green.

### **TOOSC (Thurgoland Out Of School Club)**

This is held before and after school and in some holiday weeks, performing a valuable service to parents with work commitments. They are an entirely independent body with employed staff and pay rent to hire out our Youth Centre, which brings in £5,640 per year. TOOSC are to be congratulated on their award of Outstanding from the Ofsted Inspectors.

### **Mothers and Toddlers**

This club runs on Friday mornings, providing opportunities for mums and dads with babies and toddlers to meet, for the children to play and socialise and for parents to meet and share ideas and thoughts – a very valuable service for the community.

### **Stamper Dance**

Rachel Stamper runs an excellent club of Irish Dancing and Singing on Friday evenings for children from 3 to 18. Children perform for examinations and shows and they also perform for village Ceilidhs and for Fun Day.

### **History Group**

This meets monthly with visiting speakers delivering interesting talks and presentations on a variety of historical topics.

### **Village Hall Lettings**

The hall is let for a very reasonable fee (£15 per hour, £120 per day) and is booked for numerous parties and celebrations. Since the hall refurbishments providing a more pleasant, warmer venue with music and lights it has become a very popular venue locally. New regular groups this year include Tai Chi, Boot Camp, Powerhoops, Ukulele and Spiritualism.

### **Social / Musical / Fundraising Events**

The Welfare Association also organises a number of social events, which raise funds for the upkeep of the village hall. In 2019 these have included a Quiz Night, Race Night, Ceilidh, , Luther's Soul Night, Wilde Sammon and An Evening with McShane and Shaw. Members also opened for the Tour De Yorkshire offering refreshments and tv coverage.

### **Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements**

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity at any time and enable the trustees to prepare financial statements (attached) for each financial year. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: