



Pearey House Centre
For visually Impaired

Annual Report 2018/19

A Message from The Board

As Trustees we are committed to work together to act in the best interest of Pearey House and allow it to provide a quality service and support to blind and visually impaired adults in North Tyneside. We are delighted to have been involved in another successful year at Pearey House.

We have worked very closely with the tremendous team at Pearey House to continually improve the way that we work and the quality of the service that we provide. Our financial situation is strong due both to the income from our services and commitment of the team and our many volunteers to fundraising.

This year we have changed the roles of our key team members to free up Helen Farrow's time to focus on promotion of Pearey House to key stakeholders and potential service users, fund raising and overall management of the charity. We have created a new role of Assistant Manager to focus on day to day operations of the centre, to which Steven Milne has been appointed.

We have supported Helen to introduce a new service model, which better meets the needs of our service users. As well as our core service, we have provided stimulating and interesting events and trips for our service users.

Our plan for this year was to begin upgrading our infrastructure and have therefore agreed to invest in a new minibus, upgrading of heating and lighting and the long-awaited construction of the conservatory, all of which will enhance the experience of our service users.

We would like to thank Helen and the team at Pearey House and our volunteers for helping our charity to thrive. We would also like to thank our outgoing chair Ian Lodge for his longstanding commitment to Pearey House. Lastly, we would like to thank our service users for their continual support and love for our charity.

Kay Howes
Committee Member

Pearey House Trustees report

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their annual report and financial statements account for the year to 31st March 2019.

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") as Pearey House Day Centre for Visually Impaired on 19 January 2015 and took over the assets and liabilities of the Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society (registered charity number 223996) on that date.

The CIO is set up under a constitution which sets out the objectives and purposes of the charity.

Membership

The members of the CIO shall be its charity trustees for the time being. The only persons eligible to be members of the CIO are its charity trustees. Membership of the CIO cannot be transferred to anyone else.

Any member and charity trustee who ceases to be a charity trustee automatically ceases to be a member of the CIO.

Trustees

The CIO must have at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

Apart from the first charity trustees, who appointed for terms of varying lengths, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Nominated Trustees

North Tyneside Council ("the appointing body") may appoint 4 charity trustees. Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body and each appointment must be for a term of three years.

A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decided in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO

If the CIO is wound up, each member of the CIO is liable to contribute to the assets of the CIO such amount (but not more than £1) as may be required for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the CIO contracted before that person ceases to be a member, for the payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for adjustment of the rights of contributing members among themselves.

The members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, and accordingly have no personal responsibility for the settlement of its debts and liabilities beyond the amount they are liable to contribute.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the CIO is to relieve the needs of blind and partially sighted people, resident within the borough of North Tyneside particularly but not exclusively by providing, or assisting in, the provision of services, facilities advice and support designed to relieve the needs of such persons.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have had regard to the Charities Commission's guidance on their legal duty on public benefit, and are satisfied that the CIO delivers public benefit, and due regard is paid to the guidance on public benefit when deciding on what new projects the CIO should undertake

Achievements and performance

Pearey House has had a fantastic year with various fund- raising activities including the traditional Garden Fete and Christmas Fair. We held a bingo evening, afternoon tea, sponsored silence and had a stall at a winter market.

A 4 day holiday to Morecambe was enjoyed by 26 people in October and a day trip to Millstones in Harrogate organized. A group of 30 people walked along the seafront to raise awareness of Pearey House and visual impairments

We became Sainsbury's local Tynemouth partner of the year and launched a brand new service- Vision Outreach. A number of groups volunteer in the garden including Siemens, Virgin Money, Kier, DWP and Newcastle Building Society

All staff took part in training sessions including Dementia Awareness, moving and handling, food hygiene and safeguarding.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to keep proper books of account with respect of the affairs of the CIO, and to prepare statements of account for each accounting year consisting of a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets & Liabilities. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing the accounts the trustees are expected to:

- Follow the recommendations of the Charity Commission and of the accounting profession with regard to form and content of the accounts or to disclose and explain any departures therefrom; and
- Consider the charity commission's guidance on public benefit.

Independent Examiner's Report to trustees of PEAREY HOUSE

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the period ended 31st March 2019,

Respective Responsibilities of the Executive Committee and Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Executive Committee considers that an audit is not required for the year (under Section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the CIO and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as the committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

P N Newbold BA FCA
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Chartered Accountants

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Community Spirit

The Pearey House garden was a big focus this year. We had the great help of Volunteers from Newcastle Building Society, Virgin Money and the DWP.

They never stopped and we are very grateful.



Pearey House Holiday

For this year's annual Pearey House Holiday we went to the seaside town of Morecombe

We had day trips to Lake Windermere, where we enjoyed a cruise around the lake. Visited the Wensleydale Cheese Factory and finished off with an evening trip to see the Blackpool illuminations.

The holiday was a great success and a fun time was had by all.



Boogie Time



Blackpool



Let's Dance



Beautiful Windermere

Activity's & Trips



Thornton's chocolate night



Who makes the best tree?



Easter Baskets



Meal at Millstones Harrogate

Fundraising

We had another great year with our annual fundraisers.

The Garden fete raised an incredible £3000 whilst the Christmas Fete raised £3530.30p.

We did a sponsored blind fold walk to raise awareness for our My Guide Scheme, which raised £280.00. Some of the money raised went towards our annual Christmas party which we had at the Holiday Inn.



Blindfold walk



Christmas at the Holiday Inn



Managers' Report

2018/19 has been another fantastic year for Pearey House, we have made changes to the days we open and how we operate to keep providing a thriving and successful day centre for blind and visually impaired adults in North Tyneside.

As all small, independent Charity we are looking ahead to maximise our finances and work more efficiently. We are very grateful to North Tyneside Council, funders and support from the local community to enable us to provide a safe, welcoming environment.

I would like to say thank you to the board of Trustees for their professionalism and support over the year, also to the very strong and stable members of staff and volunteers. Last but not least the superb people who use our service and support all our fund-raising events which enables us to continue to work for a charity to be proud of.



Helen Farrow
Centre Manager