



Newbiggin Arts Centre








Annual General Meeting

10:00 Monday 16th March 2026

74B Front Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea,

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AGENDA

-  Introduce Trustees & Committee Members
-  Legal Stuff
-  Chair's Report
-  Annual Report & Accounts
-  Future of Newbiggin Arts Centre
-  Retirement and Re-election of Trustees
-  Questions & Answers

Trustees & Committee

The Trustees oversee/direct running of charity and vote on strategy and other decisions....

Trustees

- Steve Wilkinson (Chair & Treasurer)
- Sue Andrew (Vice Chair, Events & Exhibitions)
- Sue Case (Children & Craft)
- Val Hearn (People & Communication)
- Frank Mills (Fundraising)
(since October 2025)
- Susan Parker (Without portfolio / watercolours)
(since February 2026)

Committee

Trustees +

- Wendy Storey
- Section Leads
(optional)

...while the Committee performs the running and operations of the charity.

Chair's Report

We've come a long way ...

- Greatly increased participation thanks to grant-funded classes and workshops in 2024, carried over to 2025
- In 2025/6: About 300 active members
(In 2026 alone: 188 + 12 guest participated, plus 70 on waiting lists – Total 270)
- Averaging in 2025 approx. 77 participations per week (+7 to 12 children)
(2024: 89 + 9-10 children)
- Despite greatly reduced grants in 2025, which limited the number of classes / workshops offered
- Continue with help from grants from National Lottery Community Fund, Bernicia and (in 2025) Sir James Knott & The Joicey Trust
- Will be introducing more new classes in coming months
- Expanding beyond visual arts (creative writing, music, amateur dramatics)
- Successful internships (Annie & Lara)

...with lots happening, especially in coming year!

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We provide a space for community members to participate in creative activities and exhibit their work to the public...

ACCOUNTS:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Year ending 31-Dec-25
Income	£7,841	£18,143	£52,020	£53,751	£33,764	£85,845	£89,241
Grants	£0	£14,687	£41,419	£30,357	£8,500	£51,573	£59,820 *
Income (less grants)	£7,841	£3,456	£10,601	£23,394	£25,264	£34,272	£29,421
Expenditure	£9,489	£9,549	£37,861	£54,985	£52,266	£87,168	£73,920
Balance Sheet	-£164	£8,918	£20,876	£19,800	£4,375	£2,513	£17,799

* NIECP
£16,920

...hosting art classes, clubs and workshops open to the public; working with other local organisations.

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**Moving the residue of the NIECP grant back into 2024
- more representative picture**

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Plans for the Future

- ✓ Continue to expand scope
 - Sculpture, pottery, ceramics, printing, digital art, photography, glasswork at Gibson Street
 - More painting and drawing at Front Street, including beginners
 - Other arts; creative writing, poetry, music, performing, dancing, etc.
 - Working more with local organisations
- ✓ More Professional tuition and art interns
- ✓ Continue to increase number of beneficiaries (advertising)
- ✓ Improve membership benefits and introduce Membership / fees system
- ✓ Dedicated art gallery
- ✓ Recruit new proactive Trustees – succession planning!
- ✓ Newbiggin Arts Festival - when??

Retirement & Re-election of Trustees

Constitution

13. Appointment of charity trustees

(2) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office.

16. Reappointment of charity trustees

Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation is eligible for reappointment.

A charity trustee who has served for three consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term, but may be reappointed after an interval of at least three years.

Re-elected last year:

None

Retiring Trustees this year:

Sue Andrew

(Leigh Patterson)



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Thank you for coming!

Any Questions?

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