



End of Financial Year 2024/25 - Commentary.

March 31st, 2025 marks the end of the Coddenham Centre's (TCC) fifth full fiscal year. In 2020, it was managing a £13k annual deficit and regular dependency on the community's precept, with very little prospect of growth or survival. Last year, as a greatly improved and award-winning asset, it embarked on its first year without precept dependency for operational support, projecting a potential loss of just £2.25k.

We are pleased to now report, we have managed to zero that figure and there will be no year-end call from the Coddenham Parish Council precept reserves.

This has been for a number of reasons, not least an estimated 1000 hours of volunteer Trustee support, the work of our excellent informal volunteers, our staff, customers and several benefactors, including Coddenham Parish Council CIL funding, Mid Suffolk District Council and their local representatives, the Gardemau Trusts and Suffolk County Council.

Turnover has increased by 5.2% to £44k pa and booking volumes by 21%.

There have been a number of successful new events and collaborations, including (but not exclusively), the continuation of the keeping Well in Winter Soup Socials, Community Lunches and further kitchen development, new yoga and meditation classes, plus weekly armchair exercise underwritten by the British Gymnastics Foundation and TCC. We continue to offer over 18 activities on a regular basis.

Our newly introduced collaboration with Coddenham Parish Councilors and other CCRG members on environmental initiatives, including now regular 3 R's (Reduce, Renew, Recycle) events, helped re-enforce the Centre's Carbon Charter gold award last year, by Suffolk District Council.

The Coddenham Centre's emphasis on social cohesion and the wider community engagement, has continued to reap rewards we believe for all, including recently, and quite deliberately, some of our neighboring communities.

We do however continue to face a number of challenges, primarily in the area of estates and facilities maintenance. The bowling green suffered continuing deterioration, presenting for the first time, a significant hazard in the winter months. The playground equipment started to demand some essential repairs.

The Centre building also required emergency repairs last November and will need refitting of sliding doors soon.

A provision of £970 has also been made in the year end for a disputed maintenance charge, following cleaning damage incurred to the tennis court. Notwithstanding, the court was one of a number of estate areas that was showing legacy deterioration, and it now requires resurfacing at an estimated cost in excess of £40k. General estate management overheads also face a £2k deficit in the coming financial year.

The Coddensham Centre, with the support of its leadership and the community it serves, continues nonetheless to grow and regularly rally against its challenges. We thank you for your continued support and invite the widening of volunteer and new Trustee help in the year ahead.

Do join us!

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