

The Eastgate Centre
The North Elmham Youth and Community Development
Trust Ltd

Company number – 3504794. Charity number – 1077830

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2023

General. The decline in bookings for the Centre during the Covid era have not recovered, and little use has been made of its facilities during 2023. The finances remain strong due to the Treasury grants made during Covid.

Governance. There have been no changes to the Board since last year's report:

Chairman. Tom Fitzalan Howard remained as Chairman and a Parish Council Trustee.

Parish Council Trustees. Martin Phillips and Paul Grainger remained as a Trustees.

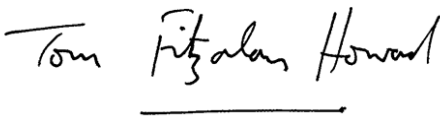
Scouting/Guiding Trustees. Peter Braybrook, Heather Caley (Treasurer) and Marion Morgan (Secretary) have continued in their roles and remain as Trustees.

Use of the Centre. Like the previous years the only users to make use of The Eastgate Centre this year are The Guides under Marion's continued care, The May Singers and Jenny Cunningham and her two charity lunches. A few individuals also hired it for the odd event.

Finances. For another year the finances of the Centre remain strong with a closing balance of £24,884.12 (£27,793.33 in 2021). The annual grants each of £250 from the Parish Council and Townland Charities have not been requested since 2019.

Capital Expenditure. The capital expenditure during 2023 included a replacement window and the fitting of a CCTV system for security purposes. In addition some of the walls have been redecorated. Otherwise the Centre remains in good condition.

I am grateful to all the Trustees for their continued work and support and especially to Marion as Secretary and Heather as Treasurer who kept things going for yet another year and Paul Granger for organising the purchase and installation of the CCTV system and the operating policy required under the current data protection legislation.



Tom Fitzalan Howard
Chairman

20 May 2024