



Abergavenny Community Centre

"A valuable and well-done facility that caters to and provides excellent services to the community."



Volunteers and Staff, Christmas 2024



Cooking for Life



The Big Lunch 2024

"Cake is lovely, the people are friendly, and it is a very welcoming atmosphere."

**Celebrating
10 Years**

About us

Since opening in 2015 Abergavenny Community Centre has become a valuable community resource which supports people to live, grow up, raise families and grow old in and around Abergavenny.

The Centre is governed by a Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1177133) set up by residents in 2018.

The journey

2005–2014: Residents campaign to save the former Infant School building as a Community Centre for multi-purpose use.

2014: Monmouthshire County Council grants short-term lease on the building to Abergavenny Community Trust Ltd.

2015: Abergavenny Community Centre opened on 1st March.

2018: Abergavenny Community Trust formed an Incorporated Charitable Organisation to govern its affairs.

2021: Monmouthshire County Council grants 25-year (fully-repairing) lease to Abergavenny Community Trust.

What we do

- Coffee Morning
- Chair Yoga
- Friday Lunch
- Gardening
- Cooking sessions
- Fundraising events
- Friday Night Knitting Club
- Sunday Afternoon Tea and Chat
- School Holiday Activities
- Community Kids baby and toddler group
- And much more!
- Community Craft
- See You for Lunch
- Singing for Fun
- Table Tennis
- Dementia Friends
- The World Bistro

How the money works

The Centre's annual core costs are currently £105,000 and the annual core income is currently £89,000. This means that there is an annual budget shortfall of £16,000.

Core costs

The 'core costs' are the day-to-day running costs of maintaining the Centre's building and outside space; booking and preparing rooms for hire; and running our regular activities. The total annual cost of keeping people safe, supported, warm and dry is £105,000, which is made up of £64,000 staffing costs and £41,000 non-staffing costs:

Staffing costs

The Centre is run by a small team of 7 part-time staff who provide 96 hours a week (4,500 hours a year) of paid work. Staff also provide volunteer time, as do the unpaid Trustees. At present, 40 volunteers support the Centre and last year they gave some 5,400 hours of volunteer time. This means that for every hour of paid staff time, the Centre is supported by an additional 1.25 hours of volunteer time.

Non-staffing costs

Examples of core non-staffing costs are gas and electricity; insurance and compliance; building

maintenance; rent and rates; food and kitchen equipment; activity facilitators; and publicity and advertising.

Income generated to fund these core costs is known as the 'core income'.

Core income

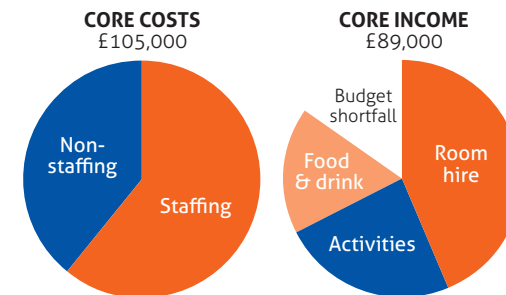
The Centre's core income streams are provided locally - either by the Town Council, organisations, clubs and groups, or by individuals as follows:

- Activities – grant funding from the Town Council: £10,000 (final year of a 4 year agreement) and individual donations: £15,000
- Room hire income: £46,000
- Food and refreshment income: £18,000

The room hire income pays for the costs of maintaining the Centre building and its grounds. The Town Council grant, individual donations and food and refreshment income contribute to the costs of running our kitchen and regular activities, albeit with a £16,000 shortfall.

Non-core income and costs

We have successfully applied for grants which have been made available by funders for specific purposes rather than to cover our day-to-day core running costs. The Centre has also received some generous donations from individuals and groups to use in specific ways, as listed below.



Capital grant funding

Some examples of what capital grants have funded:

- Refurbishing the kitchen, entrance and toilets
- Fitting solar panels to reduce future energy costs
- Replacement windows and curtains
- Landscaping the outside space

Other grants/donations for specific activities and projects

Some examples of what specific grants and donations have funded:

- Playworkers training and some holiday activities
- Producing leaflets and a song book for 'Singing for Fun'
- A number of 'Cooking for Life' sessions
- Replacement boiler and radiators



The future

The Charitable Trust is an ambitious, progressive charity responsible for maintaining the Centre and utilising this safe and welcoming space to improve the lives of the diverse residents of Abergavenny.

Our ambitious 5-year plan focusses on the ongoing sustainability of the Trust and Centre, with priorities as follows:

- Fundraise for core costs
- Secure sustainable staffing structure
- Develop, support and grow existing and new volunteers
- Diversify and grow Centre support
- Work with partners to identify future wider community needs

Abergavenny Community Centre has grown through the care and commitment of people like you, and this open day celebration is a golden opportunity to raise awareness of the value it provides to people in and around Abergavenny. As we reflect on the successes and challenges of the first decade, Trustees are acutely aware that we need to raise £16,000 to continue to deliver its regular activities into the future.

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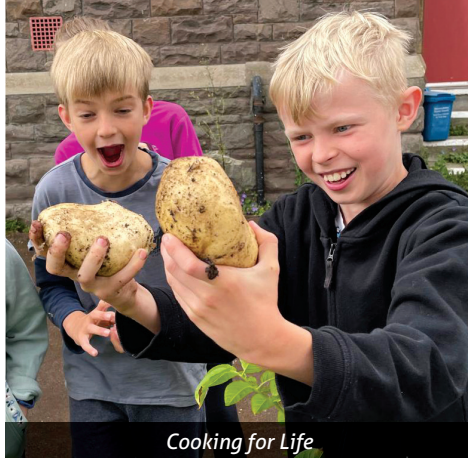
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Can you help?

Individual donations make all the difference to our work. For example, a one-off or regular donation of £10 could pay for someone experiencing loneliness to attend 'See You for Lunch'; provide a child with a free place at our holiday activities; or buy some food ingredients for our Cooking sessions.

Please donate online by scanning the QR code below or visit: localgiving.org/charity/abergavenny-community-centre

Or pop in to the centre to discuss other ways of giving such as leaving a purposeful gift in your will.



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