

Cornhill Community Action report for Annual Parish Meeting 25th May 2023

All the actions of CCA over the last year may be viewed in detail at https://www.cornhillontweedcentre.org.uk/About_us.html

Just after the Annual meeting last year, on 13th May the Community Asset Transfer was completed and CPC now owned the building and the playing field, three years after it was originally offered.

After a great deal of difficulty, endless negotiation, emails and phone calls and a lot of wasted time, both electricity and water were finally re- connected at the Centre. The electricity was switched on last October and the water in April this year.

In August two new trustees were appointed to the charity, tenants' representative and village hall representative.

Funding has been an on-going problem but in September last year, building work resumed. Private loans had to be organised in April this year for it to continue.

Last October, a major volunteer clean-up took place ready for the arrival of our sheep. On 22nd October, the Centre was opened for the first time with the sheep-naming ceremony. A very successful Craft Fair was organised on 13th November.

On 17th January, leases were signed for units 2, 3 and 5. On 25th January, the lease was signed for unit 4. Fire extinguishers and First Aid kit were organised at the end of January.

In February, joiners, plasterers, electricians and plumbers were all working at the Centre. Some of the tenants started decorating their own units. On 17th February, the lease was signed for unit 6.

In March, the internal decorating of the Centre began and a group of volunteers cleared the vegetation from around the building.

In April, one of the tenants started work in unit 5. By May 9th six businesses were open. The seventh will open at the end of May.

On 25th April we requested furniture for the hall. Some very good pieces were donated. On 16th May, fibre broadband was installed and will be functioning properly soon.

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