

Background

Dipton Community Association are a registered charity who own the Jubilee Centre, a recently relaunched community centre based in Dipton near Stanley. It has a wide programme of activities and events taking place.

Support from DCA with Governance & Fundraising

Back in October 2016 the community association, which had a different committee to the current one, approached DCA for support as they had run into financial difficulties. DCA worked with the committee to organise a public meeting, which two of DCA'S staff chaired, to try and rally support from the villagers to avoid the risk of the association becoming insolvent. The meeting was very well supported by members of the public, and as a result a fundraising committee was established who organised a wide range of fundraising events to generate income to pay off the debts. New trustees came forward and trustee training and a skills audit was carried out by DCA identifying a good cross section of people involved in running the association. A much more business-like approach has been taken in running the building. The debts were paid off with the fundraising and a significant donation from a former villager. The committee continue to run regular, popular events and have introduced a new invoicing system, website, newsletter and Facebook page which has almost 800 likes. DCA also helped the association to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to protect the trustees and advised on dissolving the original charity.



"DCA provided invaluable support, guidance and advice in helping the new board of trustees turn the fortunes of the community centre completely around."

Dipton Jubilee Centre trustee

