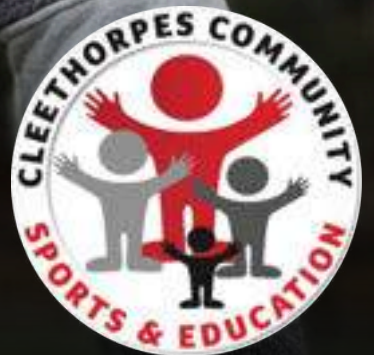


ANNUAL REPORT 2026

THE TRIN

CLEETHORPES COMMUNITY SPORTS & EDUCATION



CHARITY NUMBER 1172903

WELCOME FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



We are incredibly proud to have received local recognition through awards and nominations during the year. These acknowledgements reflect the dedication, care, and impact of our work and reassure us that we are continuing to serve our community well.

A key part of our success is our amazing team of staff and volunteers, whose commitment, compassion, and hard work make everything we do possible. Their dedication continues to inspire us every day, and we are deeply grateful for all they contribute.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our funders and partners for their continued support, trust, and collaboration. Your contributions play a vital role in helping us sustain and grow our services.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you goes to our service users, members, and supporters. Your ongoing encouragement and involvement remain at the centre of everything we do, and we look forward to continuing this journey together in the year ahead.

Welcome to our Annual Report for 2026.

This year has brought many challenges, particularly with the ongoing economic pressures affecting families, communities, and organisations alike. We recognise that these continue to be difficult times for many people, and throughout the year we have remained committed to providing support, guidance, and opportunities for those families most in need.

Like many charities and community organisations, we have also faced rising operational costs and increasing demand for our services. Despite these challenges, we have worked hard to adapt and find new ways of securing financial support to ensure we can continue delivering essential services to our community both now and in the future.

One of the most encouraging achievements this year has been the steady growth in attendance across our services and activities. Seeing more people engage with and benefit from our work gives us confidence that we are responding to the needs of our community in the right way. We are also pleased that this positive growth has enabled us to maintain our pricing structure for the year, helping to keep our activities accessible and affordable.

“ The Trin continues to support thousands of people across North East Lincolnshire through positive, engaging activities, inclusive support platforms, and meaningful community connections. We are proud to create safe spaces where people feel valued, empowered, and inspired to reach their full potential together.

With your support, The Trin can continue to make a lasting difference across Cleethorpes and the surrounding areas providing positive activities, vital support platforms, and opportunities that bring people together, strengthen wellbeing, and inspire brighter futures for our community.



CHAIR'S FOREWARD



**JODIE
OSBOURNE**

Chair of the Board of Trustees

It is a privilege to step into the role of Chair of Trustees for Cleethorpes Community Sports and Education. As I take on this responsibility, I do so with a strong sense of commitment, enthusiasm, and optimism for what lies ahead. I would like to begin by acknowledging and thanking my predecessor, Gary Lusty, for his dedication, leadership, and the solid foundations he has helped to establish. His contribution has been instrumental in shaping the organisation into what it is today, and I am grateful to build upon that legacy.

Our organisation is built on three core pillars—community, sport, and education—each of which plays a vital role in enriching lives and creating opportunities, particularly for young people.

At the heart of our work is the **community**. We are proud to serve Cleethorpes and the surrounding areas, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals and families can come together. The sense of belonging that we foster is fundamental to our success, and we remain committed to strengthening relationships, supporting local needs, and ensuring that our facilities and programmes are accessible to all.

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Our focus on **sport** continues to grow from strength to strength. The recent success of the sports centre, now marking its first full year of operation, is a testament to the vision, hard work, and dedication of everyone involved. It has quickly become a vibrant hub for physical activity, wellbeing, and community engagement. Through sport, we not only promote healthier lifestyles but also nurture teamwork, resilience, and confidence in young people, giving them opportunities to thrive both on and off the field.

Equally important is our commitment to **education**. We recognise the role we play in supporting learning and personal development. Whether through structured programmes, partnerships with schools, or informal opportunities to gain skills and experience, we aim to inspire and empower young people. By providing pathways for growth, we are helping to equip the next generation with the tools they need for future success.

As I look ahead, I am excited by the opportunities before us. There is clear momentum within the organisation, and with the continued support of our staff, volunteers, partners, and community, we can build on our achievements. Together, we will continue to expand our reach, enhance our provision, and ensure that Cleethorpes Community Sports and Education remains a valuable and impactful force for years to come.

I am proud to take on this role and look forward to working collaboratively to shape a positive and ambitious future.

Jodie Osbourne

Chair of Trustees

Cleethorpes Community Sports and Education

OUR VISION

To build stronger, more connected communities across Cleethorpes by promoting active lifestyles and improving access to opportunity.

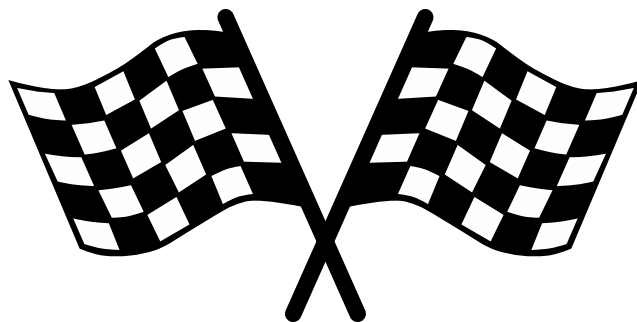


OUR MISSION

To strengthen community cohesion and improve lives across Cleethorpes and the surrounding area through sport, education, and community based provision.



OUR HISTORY 2008 - PRESENT



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We began our early life as Scartho Amateur Boxing Club in **2008**. The club was founded by Andy Cox in a small room within Scartho Community Centre in Grimsby.

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We soon outgrew our home in the community centre and moved to our own premises above Wilko's down Freeman Street in **2009** and changed our name to Grimsby Boxing Academy.

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In **2017** our charity Cleethorpes Community Sports & Education was formed.

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In **2018** The charity moved into The Trin Centre, Cleethorpes and the boxing club moved in working alongside the charity.

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March **2024** we started building our Sports Centre.

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March **2025** we moved into our Sports Centre and the boxing club now operates from the Sports Centre. The two buildings now run side by side running provision for community, sports and education.

The journey continues

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF CLEETHORPES & SURROUNDING AREAS

Cleethorpes Community Sports & Education is a registered charity, established in 2017 and based at The Trin Centre in Cleethorpes.

We support our local and wider community through inclusive sport, wellbeing activities, and education programmes that promote personal development and improve employment opportunities.

As a community focused organisation, we remain responsive and adaptable to ensure our services continue to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.



We deliver **21 hours** of youth work **free of charge** every week



We deliver over **20 hours** of instructor led exercise classes every week



We deliver over **50 hours** of educational provision every week



We supported **274 people** at Inclusive Sports sessions



Provided over **300 hours** of support at our Community Garden project



Partnerships with **8 local schools** delivering lunchtime and after school clubs and physical education



Working with over **40 external partners** to support our delivery



Over **300 hours** of **Community Cooking** classes delivered



1,464 members people accessed our Community Gym



We deliver boxing sessions for fitness, recreation, education and competition



We provided over **5,000 free meals** to people in need



We have distributed **£1,200 worth of baby bank** clothing and essential items to families in need, helping support children and parents through difficult times.



We have been actively involved in the consultation process, helping to represent the voices of young people and contribute to shaping the regeneration of the Pier Gardens on the Cleethorpes seafront. This work formed part of our youth outreach programme, delivered in partnership with North East Lincolnshire Council.



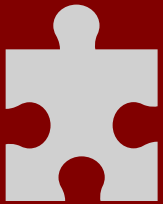
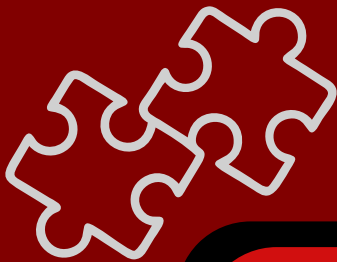
We opened a brand new Sports Centre, enabling us to welcome new participants and expand the reach of our support to those already engaging with our services.



We have over 7,000 followers on Facebook

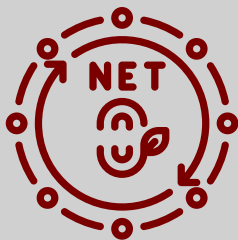
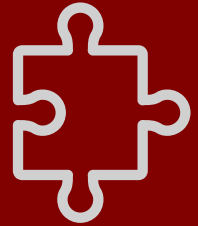


We have been actively involved in community forums, contributing to discussions and supporting key priority issues within our local area.

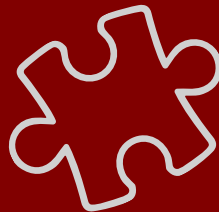


THE TRIN

HOW DID WE INFLUENCE



With support from a professional advisor, we identified ways to reduce our carbon footprint and began implementing improvements, including reducing paper use, introducing energy efficient lighting with timed switches, improving recycling practices, and providing staff training to encourage environmental awareness.



We regularly receive recognition and feedback from our partners, community, and other stakeholders for our work.



By developing a bespoke system, we have streamlined the data we collect to better demonstrate and share our impact, while also supporting more informed decision making.



By focusing on the strategic objectives that have been co-created with our community members, we remain aligned with our aims and goals while also being able to provide honest and relevant feedback.

NORTH EAST LICOLNSHIRE CIVIC AWARDS



MAYORS AWARD WINNERS

We are pleased to report that the organisation was recently honoured at the North East Lincolnshire Civic Awards, held at Grimsby Town Hall, where we received the Mayor's Award. The award was presented by the Mayor of North East Lincolnshire, Janet Goodwin.



This recognition was awarded in acknowledgement of our continued contribution to, and service within, the communities of North East Lincolnshire. It reflects the positive impact of our activities and the commitment of those involved in delivering our programmes and supporting our beneficiaries.

The award serves as a valued endorsement of the organisation's work and its ongoing commitment to community engagement and social benefit within the region.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 - 2027

Following a six-month consultation with our community, local businesses, VCSE organisations, emergency services, and key stakeholders, we combined the insights gathered with our charitable objectives to develop a three-year strategy, enabling us to pause, reflect on our work, and ensure our mission aligns with the needs of our community.

Below is a summary illustrating our performance to date.

Strategies

Outcomes

Community Impact



We champion youth work in our community, supporting over 12,769 young people aged 0–25

We currently support over 100 people with SEND every week through a wide range of activities and projects.

We are currently partnering with four organisations to deliver SEND provision through holiday programmes, educational courses, sports clubs, and cooking activities.

We have developed our own bespoke data system to track, monitor, and report on participation, outcomes, and impact across all of our programmes.

We use this data to demonstrate our impact, inform our community and partners, and make data informed decisions that enable us to respond to the changing needs of the people we serve.

Financial Sustainability



We have opened a second building on our site, The Trin Sports Centre, which has doubled our footfall and created new revenue streams through room hire, memberships, and additional activities.

We have completed phase one of our Community Centre renovation, creating new revenue opportunities through room hire and expanded provision.

We have expanded our educational provision through four new partnerships, creating alternative pathways for children who require education outside of mainstream schooling.

We have increased our capacity to support children referred directly by the local education authority, generating an additional revenue stream to support and sustain our provision.

Partnerships & External Profile



We are currently working with over 40 external organisations and partners

We are working across over 10 different community settings, including schools and other community buildings.

We have attended over 20 community events, including youth, SEND and mental health forums, networking meetings, partnership workshops, community fairs, Armed Forces events, and local carnival parades.

We use regular consultation and feedback forms to support data analysis and gather feedback to share the impact of our partnership work.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 - 2027

Strategies

Outcomes

Education & Employability



We currently provide over 50 distance learning courses in partnership with Grimsby Institute of Further & Higher Education.

We offer access to computers, free Wi-Fi, free childcare and free food and drink for learners and their families during their enrolment on our distance learning courses.

We deliver over 50 hours of face-to-face education each week, offering a range of provision including cooking, English and Maths courses, alternative education, music, and gardening classes.

We invest in our staff and volunteers by providing access to a wide range of training and development opportunities, enabling them to upskill and further their education.

Development of Estate



We have worked closely with our community, especially young members, to co-develop our estate strategy, ensuring our plans reflect their needs and aspirations.

We have recently commissioned a professional assessment to identify ways to improve our carbon footprint and have begun implementing the recommended actions, prioritising those with the greatest impact and cost effectiveness.

We have made significant progress in enhancing our estate, including the addition of a new Sports Centre, improvements to our 3G football pitch and car park, the renovation of our Community Centre, and improved maintenance and cleanliness across the site.

We are on track to begin improvements to our sports facilities this year.

OUR CONTEXT CHANGES & CHALLENGES

We have analysed challenges and changes, external to and directly associated to CCSE which may impact on our organisation and how we operate in the future.

Grant Funding

- Central and local government funding priorities may change subject to transitions of leadership.
- Competition with other local organisations for the same pots of money.
- Projects started and reliant of grant funding are at risk of concluding beyond the project if construction funding cannot be sourced.
- As a small organisation, we risk losing out to larger organisations.

Staffing & Volunteering

- Rise in costs associated with staffing.
- Recruitment can be difficult due to lack of qualified people in the area.
- Relying on volunteers can often leave us vulnerable.
- Sourcing affordable training is often an issue.

Social & Cultural

- Lack of cultural and ethnic diversity locally challenges us to create a culture of tolerance and understanding within our community.
- 30.2% of people that live in North East Lincolnshire live in the most poor communities in the UK.
- 25% of population of North East Lincolnshire have no qualifications.
- High levels of people currently unemployed.
- High levels of poor mental health and anxiety compared to the national average.
- High levels of suicide compared to the national average.

Facilities & Infrastructure

- Our current facility is nearly 60 years old and is outdated beyond it's purpose.
- Limited space to develop the site, some creativity would be needed to enhance our current estate.
- Improvements need to be made to the facilities to bring them in line with legislation associated with Ofsted and other planning governing bodies.
- Look at ways to improve our carbon footprint.
- Improve our current IT systems and technology considering future growth to our organisation, workforce and community services.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ROOTED WITHIN COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Each Strategic Priority has been developed with consideration taken from community feedback, local issues and challenges alongside our charities vision and values.

Community Feedback

We need more adult education that is accessible to all

Local facilities need updating

We need more access to low cost exercise

We need support with children at more suitable times

We need more things for young people to do

We need more inclusive activities and facilities to cater for them

We need more support for support visiting with mental health issues

The site needs a bigger car park

We need a facility for youth family fitness classes

There are a lot of children in our area not currently accessing any education

Strategic Priority

1) Community Impact

2) Financial Sustainability

3) Partnerships & External Profile

4) Education & Employability

5) Development of Estate

COMMUNITY

Making Connections That Matter

Our community provision combines a wide range of support services and activities designed to meet local needs. Whether delivering provision directly or signposting individuals to appropriate support, we utilise our strong relationships with organisations across North East Lincolnshire to ensure people can access the help they need.

We run a variety of inclusive activities, including seated exercise classes for individuals living with Parkinson's, MS, and other neurological conditions, as well as inclusive sports sessions for both adults and children, and toddler groups. A significant part of our community offer is our youth clubs and school holiday programmes, where high attendance levels and the depth of support required mean this area is a major focus of our work.

Alongside our activities, we provide practical support to those in need. This includes a hygiene bank offering access to essential personal care items, and a baby bank providing nappies, formula, and clothing. We also operate a warm space where individuals can access a hot or cold meal, enjoy a drink, and spend time in a safe, welcoming environment to read, relax, or talk.



54% improved their prospects

74% improved social interactions



99% feel that The Trin has a positive impact on our community

94% feel The Trin is a safe place to be

100%

of people we asked think The Trin is inclusive



The confidence and health benefits Poppy has gained after a year of attending have been amazing. It's been wonderful to see her become part of The Trin family and truly thrive. She loves running around, being active, and showing her cheeky personality, and it's clear how much she enjoys her time there.



Sue's Story

First hand care on the frontline for those who need it most

Sue contacted us after receiving information about our warm packs, enquiring whether she could collect packs for herself and her husband, who live in Cleethorpes.

When Sue visited the centre, she brought along her identification documents and proof of benefits. During our conversation, she explained that she is a long-term resident of the Fitties in Cleethorpes, a distinctive chalet community where residents are only permitted to occupy their properties for 45 weeks of the year. Each winter, residents must vacate their chalets for a minimum of seven weeks in line with local planning regulations.

For Sue, this annual displacement has become increasingly difficult. She lives with Fibromyalgia, a chronic pain condition that is worsened by cold and damp weather, while her husband has dementia and relies on regular visits from carers. As winter approached, Sue explained how invaluable the warm packs would be in helping her remain comfortable and manage her symptoms.

During our discussion, Sue shared her growing concerns about where she and her husband would stay once they were required to leave their chalet. In previous years, they had relied on family and friends for temporary accommodation, but this had become increasingly unmanageable due to her husband's care needs and the impact on Sue's own health. The uncertainty and disruption of moving between different homes each winter was causing significant anxiety and negatively affecting both her physical and emotional wellbeing.

Recognising the urgency of the situation, we contacted the local housing team to explore suitable short-term accommodation options. We shared details of Sue's health conditions and her husband's care requirements, highlighting the importance of secure, warm accommodation that could support visiting carers and provide stability during the winter period.

The housing team responded quickly and worked collaboratively with us to secure temporary accommodation that met their needs. This ensured continuity of care for Sue's husband and allowed Sue to focus on managing her own health without the added stress and uncertainty of unstable housing.

Alongside this support, Sue received one of our warm packs, which included blankets, a hot water bottle, and information about local energy-saving schemes and support services. Although a small gesture, the pack helped Sue feel supported, valued, and less alone during a particularly difficult time.

Sue expressed immense relief and gratitude for the coordinated support she received, explaining that she finally felt "listened to and understood."

This case highlights the importance of early intervention and strong partnership working between community organisations, housing teams, and health professionals. By acting quickly and collaboratively, we were able to help prevent a potential housing crisis and ensure that Sue and her husband remained safe, warm, and supported throughout the winter months.



SPORT

Bringing Communities Together Through Sport

Sport, exercise, and wellbeing are central to life at The Trin. We recognise the powerful impact sport can have, and we strive to make our provision as inclusive and accessible as possible. From recreational activities to competitive opportunities and educational programmes, we offer a wide range of ways for people to get involved. We believe the friendships formed, memories made, and life lessons learned through sport can have a lasting, positive influence on people's lives.



2,049

Attendance at our Community Sports sessions



67% Improved physical health since joining us

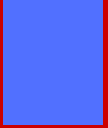
60% Improved mental health since joining us

33.3%

33.3%

20%

13.3%



mood



confidence



anxiety



mental clarity



Thank you to everyone at The Trin. I've really enjoyed my time here so far. Going to the gym and boxing are things I never thought I'd be able to do, but everyone has been so welcoming and inclusive. I've loved every moment of it.

I would highly recommend The Trin to anyone else with autism.

80%

of people are more active since joining us

Cleethorpes Trinity FC Seniors have completed a fantastic season by winning both the league and cup double! Their achievements have earned them promotion to League One in the East Lincs Combination League.



Cleethorpes Trinity Boxing Academy have enjoyed an outstanding season, collecting several honours along the way, including three gold medals at an international boxing tournament in Denmark.

445

People attended across all our classes

8,002

Total attendance across all our classes



THE POWER OF EXERCISE

At The Trin Sports Centre, we've seen firsthand how access to a supportive and welcoming environment can transform lives. One particularly powerful example is that of a young person who, not long ago, struggled with isolation and low confidence.

Before joining the centre, he rarely left the house. Social situations felt overwhelming, and he preferred to stay in his comfort zone, avoiding interaction even with friends. His mum described this period as "heartbreaking," watching her son withdraw more and more over time.

"He just didn't want to go out. Even simple things like meeting friends or going for a walk felt like too much for him," she shared.

Everything began to change when he started attending The Trin Sports Centre. Initially, it was a small step, coming along with his parent for support. The gym provided a safe, structured environment where he could build both physical strength and emotional resilience.

At first, sessions were quiet and focused. But gradually, something shifted.

"I didn't think I'd enjoy it, but I actually look forward to coming now," he said. **"It makes me feel good about myself."**

Attending with his older stepbrother has also played a key role in his journey. What started as simply working out side by side has grown into a stronger, more positive relationship.

"We didn't really do much together before," he admitted. **"Now we train together and push each other. It's actually really good."**

As his confidence grew, so did his independence. He became more comfortable in the space, more willing to try new exercises, and more open to being around others. Importantly, the shared experience of attending the gym strengthened his relationship with his mum.

"It's brought us closer," she explained. **"We've got something positive to do together, and I can see how much it's helping him. He's smiling again."**

The impact has extended beyond the gym walls. He is now beginning to re-engage with the world around him; leaving the house more often and reconnecting with friends.

"I've started meeting up with my mates again," he said. **"I feel more confident talking to people now."**

This journey highlights the powerful role that fitness and community spaces like The Trin Sports Centre can play in supporting young people's mental wellbeing. What started as a simple step through the door has become a turning point, helping one young person rediscover confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging.

Our education provision offers a wide range of opportunities, designed to create a platform that works for different people and their individual needs. From face-to-face sessions to flexible online learning, we aim to provide accessible options that suit a variety of lifestyles and circumstances.

We offer a mix of practical and creative courses, including cooking classes, gardening, and music sessions, helping people to build skills, confidence, and connections within their community. We also provide core learning opportunities such as English and Maths courses, supporting learners to strengthen essential skills.

In addition, we offer access to vocational and specialist courses including adult social care, counselling skills, information, guidance and advice, and mental health awareness. These pathways help learners progress into employment, further study, or personal development.



Our Fresh Start Education programme is an alternative education provision for children who struggle to flourish in a mainstream school setting. We work directly with the local education authority and several local schools to support young people on a short term basis, helping to stabilise their learning and prepare them for reintegration into mainstream education.

This is a provision we are extremely proud of, and it is helping to build a strong and positive reputation locally for the work we do. One of our key strengths is the relationships we develop with young people; we build trust and rapport through consistent support and engagement.

Many of the young people who access Fresh Start also choose to join our evening youth provision, taking part in activities such as sports, music, and general youth workshops, helping them to continue building confidence, skills, and positive connections.



94% pass rate for Maths

95% pass rate for English



85% attendance for our alternative provision students

43% alternative provision national average



We are an AQA registered education centre, accredited to deliver qualifications from AQA, one of the UK's leading awarding bodies that sets and assesses nationally recognised GCSE and A-level qualifications.



Case Study: Pupil GP – Engagement and Alternative Provision

GP was a pupil attending a mainstream school where she presented with significant barriers to learning. Over time, GP became increasingly disengaged from education, she was not participating in lessons, showed minimal interest in learning activities, and struggled to remain in class. As a result, her school attendance declined significantly and reached an all-time low.

Despite multiple strategies being implemented within the school to re-engage GP, there was little improvement in either her attendance or her engagement with learning.

Due to ongoing concerns around GP's attendance, emotional wellbeing, and lack of engagement, the school arranged for her to attend Fresh Start Education on a trial basis. The aim of this placement was to assess whether an alternative provision could better meet her needs and provide a more supportive and flexible learning environment.

GP initially attended The Trin as part of this trial period.

During the early stages of the placement, GP found it difficult to engage. She often refused to take part in learning activities and showed reluctance to remain on site. GP regularly asked to go home shortly after arriving and did not join in with structured sessions. At this stage, her attendance and engagement remained inconsistent, and she appeared anxious and withdrawn.

Staff at Fresh Start Education focused on building a positive and trusting relationship with GP. Time was taken to establish rapport, understand her individual needs, and identify potential triggers for her disengagement. Expectations were kept low initially, with an emphasis on emotional safety, routine, and consistent adult support rather than academic outcomes.

Through patience, consistency, and encouragement, GP gradually began to feel more comfortable within the setting. Staff used a flexible approach, allowing GP to engage at her own pace and celebrating small successes.

Over time, GP began to show improved attendance and increased willingness to remain on site. She started to engage in short learning activities and informal sessions, which helped to build her confidence. As trust developed, GP became more open to interacting with staff and participating in learning, marking a significant improvement from her initial presentation.

GP's case highlights the importance of alternative provision and relationship-based approaches for pupils who struggle to engage in mainstream education. The Fresh Start Education placement provides GP with a supportive environment tailored to her needs, enabling her to begin re-engaging with education and rebuild her confidence in learning.



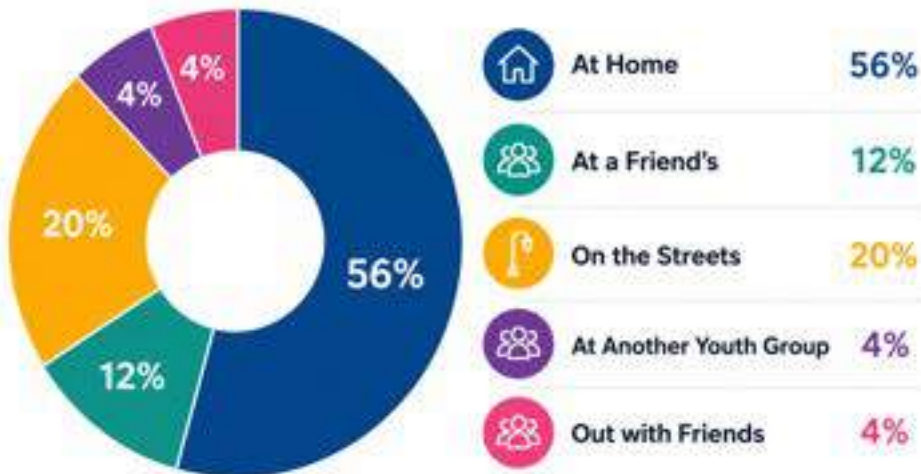
YOUTH WORK

Empowering young people to shape their future

Our Youth Provision has become a beacon of the work we do. The number of young people we support, combined with the success stories, case studies, and testimonials that demonstrate our impact, truly highlights the importance of this work.

Our space provides young people with a safe environment where they can take part in positive activities, build confidence, and develop meaningful relationships. Our team of qualified and experienced youth workers are at the heart of our success, and our reputation within the local community reflects the dedication, care, and support we provide every day.

Where Young People Would Be If They Didn't Attend The Trin



We provide a wide range of activities and access for young people. From open access sessions to cooking, gaming, sports, performing arts, music production and gym, we use these activities to engage young people.

During these sessions our team do their fantastic work supporting, nurturing and empowering young people to build confidence, develop new skills and form positive relationships in a safe and welcoming environment



I started attending The Trin after they visited my school and told us about their sessions. I began going in February with friends and haven't missed a session since.

I take part in youth clubs at Central Hall and Friday night sessions, as well as the Youth HAF programme. I've also been on trips like Back2Bear, where we did activities like fire making, den building and axe throwing, and a trip to Alton Towers, which was my first visit there.

The Trin has really supported me, especially with my confidence and self-esteem. Staff are always available to talk without pressure, which has helped me feel more comfortable opening up. I've also become better in social situations, made more friends, and feel more at ease in large groups.

They supported me when I had issues at school by helping resolve things through communication with staff, which made me feel less anxious about attending. I also used to struggle talking to adults, but now I feel more confident asking for help when I need it.

Overall, The Trin has given me a safe and positive place to go during the week, helped me build skills for the future, and provided opportunities like volunteering and qualifications. I really enjoy attending, especially the Central Hall sessions because they're local to me, and I've made great friendships and memories through the trips and activities.



96%

MADE NEW FRIENDS SINCE ATTENDING THE TRIN

100%

FEEL THE TRIN IS A SAFE PLACE

Poppy's Story - From Early Challenges to Confidence, Strength and Belonging

From the very beginning, Poppy has faced challenges that many children never have to experience. Adopted as a baby after being born prematurely and critically ill during her first days of life, she has shown incredible strength and determination throughout her journey.

As Poppy grew older, concerns around her mobility, balance and coordination became more apparent. After numerous hospital appointments and assessments, she received an unofficial diagnosis of Dyspraxia alongside hypermobility in her knees and elbows. Everyday activities that many children take for granted were often difficult, painful and emotionally challenging for her. We were advised to encourage Poppy to take part in as many activities as possible to help build her confidence, coordination and physical strength.

Although we had always known about The Trin in Cleethorpes, we had no idea how much support and opportunity they offered for children like Poppy. After seeing their work in local schools and learning more about their activities, we discovered their SEND sessions and immediately felt this could be the right environment for her.

From the moment we attended our first session, the staff at The Trin made both Poppy and our family feel welcomed, supported and understood. What stood out most was that Poppy was accepted exactly as she was. It didn't matter if she struggled to keep up physically or lacked confidence, she was encouraged, included and celebrated.

Over time, Tuesday SEND sessions became the highlight of her week. Through the kindness and encouragement of staff members such as Willo, Joe, Grace and the wider team, Poppy began to flourish. Activities that once felt impossible slowly became achievable. Her balance, coordination and physical strength improved dramatically, but even more importantly, so did her confidence and self belief.

Although anxiety often made trying new things difficult, The Trin staff always showed patience, understanding and genuine care. Whether attending holiday clubs, drama sessions, gymnastics or youth club activities, Poppy was continually supported to step outside her comfort zone and believe in herself.

Today, the difference in Poppy is extraordinary. She now rides her bike, performs handstands and cartwheels, takes part in performances, joins community events and confidently interacts with others. She has formed strong friendships, developed valuable social skills and discovered a love for being active and involved in her community.

One of Poppy's proudest achievements was taking part in the Cleethorpes Carnival with The Trin in 2025, something that once would have felt impossible for her. Winning The Trin's "Member of the Year" award was another unforgettable moment that boosted her confidence enormously.

Most importantly, The Trin has become Poppy's safe place, somewhere she feels valued, heard, supported and loved. The impact this organisation has had on our daughter, and on our family as a whole, is impossible to fully express in words.

The Trin has not only helped Poppy develop physically and emotionally, but has also given her a sense of belonging, purpose and belief in herself. Becoming part of The Trin family is one of the best decisions we have ever made for her, and we will always be incredibly grateful for the care, dedication and support shown by everyone there.



OUR TEAM

Our staff and volunteers are at the heart of what makes The Trin what it is. The combination of dedicated people, lived experience, and a strong understanding of our community plays a vital role in how we operate day to day and in the support we provide.

TEAM TOTAL
35

VOLUNTEERS
15

FULL TIME
13

PART TIME
7



My name is Grace Stephenson, and I've been part of the team at The Trin for nearly three years. I joined straight after leaving school as a Level 2 Sports Coach Apprentice and have since progressed to achieve my Level 4 Foundation Degree Apprenticeship in Sport.

I'm now a full time member of the team, delivering PE sessions in local schools and supporting young people to stay active, confident, and engaged. I'm also a qualified Level 2 Gymnastics Coach, leading Gym Tots sessions as well as primary and secondary gymnastics and movement classes here at The Trin. Alongside this, I help deliver our Friday night youth sessions, which is one of my favourite parts of the role.

What I love most is that no two sessions are ever the same. There's a real family feel at The Trin both amongst the staff and the young people who attend and that sense of community makes every day rewarding and enjoyable.

I'm really enjoying developing my career, learning all aspects of the role, and I'm excited to continue growing with The Trin in the future.

2,340

VOLUNTEER HOURS DELIVERED

EQUIVALENT TO COSTS OF

£30,633

Chris's Story - Continuing to Care

Retiring from a demanding career in the NHS was a daunting transition, and at first I felt a real sense of lost purpose. However, while helping to organise a school reunion, I was struck by the warmth and dedication of the staff at The Trin Centre. Their welcoming atmosphere and commitment to supporting the community immediately inspired me to become involved in their long-term vision.

For the past three years, I have served as a Community Programme Assistant. In this role, I have been able to draw on my professional experience from the NHS to support both the permanent staff and our service users, which I find deeply rewarding.

Sometimes, making a difference is as simple as offering a cup of tea and a listening ear. Seeing somebody smile in those moments feels truly magical. Volunteering at The Trin Centre has given me a renewed sense of purpose, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a caring and dedicated team.



HIGHLIGHTS

Creating Christmas Magic for Children in Care



At Christmas, we provided a special event for children in care across North East Lincolnshire. The event was supported by local businesses, all of whom contributed towards the cost of running the event.

The children enjoyed a visit from Santa, a magic show, a buffet, face painting, and each child received a gift from Santa. It was wonderful to see how much the children enjoyed themselves, and incredibly rewarding to see the smiles on their faces.

Transforming Our Facilities for Young People



We received capital funding through the Better Youth Spaces grant to renovate and improve our facilities. More than £70,000 was secured to install a MultiBall interactive gaming system, create a new music studio that also serves as a podcast studio and therapy room, and refurbish the bar area and community room. The funding also enabled us to purchase much-needed furniture, helping to create a more welcoming and engaging environment for young people and the wider community.



Honouring Two Very Special Birthdays

We recently celebrated two very special birthdays with our members. Arthur, our oldest member, turned an incredible 97 years old. Many of us love hearing his stories from the past, especially memories from his time policing the Croft Baker ward. It's wonderful that he continues to share stories from the "good old days," which everyone always enjoys listening to.

We also celebrated Leslie's 80th birthday, which she chose to share with friends at our group, making the occasion even more special for everyone involved.

Recognising Excellence at The Trin Awards



We celebrated outstanding contributions at The Trin Awards ceremony, recognising individuals who truly embody our values in everything they do. The awards honour those who have made a meaningful impact throughout the year and whose actions continue to inspire others across the organisation.



A VIP Christmas Dinner Prepared by Our Junior Cooks



Our youth cooking class created a fantastic two course VIP Christmas dinner party, showcasing their hard work, creativity and teamwork. The junior cooks did an amazing job preparing and serving the meal while catering for a range of different dietary requirements, ensuring every guest could enjoy the celebration.

60 YEARS

This year, we are celebrating 60 years of community and youth work in the building we proudly operate from. Since it first opened on **2nd December 1966**, the building has been at the heart of the Cleethorpes community.

Over the years, the building's name has evolved from Cleethorpes Youth Centre to Trin, and now "The Trin Centre." Despite these changes, it has remained an iconic and much loved space for generations of local people.

Throughout its history, hundreds of individuals have been supported by the dedicated staff and volunteers who have worked within its walls. The Trin continues to be a vital and welcoming place for the community it serves.

“ The opening of the club was a real game changer for me and many others. Coming from a background where we only had access to church hall youth clubs, it felt like a huge step forward. Those of us who were there at the time still have very fond memories of our experiences and the time we spent there. ”

Mally, founding member



“ Growing up in Cleethorpes during the 70s and 80s, The Trin was the place to be. The regular discos, the laughs, and the friendships we made there have stayed with many of us for life. Howard, the youth leader at the time, was one of the good ones – kind, warm, supportive, and respected by everyone who walked through those doors. So many of us still look back on those days with real fondness. ”

Joanne, former member



“ I understand just how important The Trin is to local people because it has always been a big part of my own life. I grew up on Trinity Road from the age of three and spent much of my childhood there. ”

I celebrated birthday parties at The Trin, attended sessions as part of my education, and was an active member of the youth club throughout my teenage years. It was the place to be in the evenings, a safe, welcoming space where so many of us made lasting memories.

Andy Cox - Chief Executive



Later this year, we will be hosting a special reunion event for everyone who has been part of The Trin over the years.

The event will celebrate the building's beginnings with a 1960s theme, featuring live music from a tribute band to The Beatles and other hits from the decade.

It will be a wonderful opportunity for people to come together, reconnect, and reminisce about the memories they made growing up at their local youth club. We look forward to welcoming past and present members of the community to share in this celebration of 60 years of The Trin.

OUR PARTNERS

Collaboration That Creates Lasting Change

The success and sustainability of our charitable initiatives are made possible through the generous support of our funders, partners, and donors. Their commitment enables us to deliver meaningful programs, reach vulnerable communities, and create lasting positive impact.



Since 2023, The National Lottery Community Fund has supported The Trin in delivering vital projects across our community. In January this year, we were proud to complete and present our first three year project report, capturing the impact and achievements made possible through this support.

Over the course of the project, we enrolled **340 people onto our education programmes**, including back to work preparatory courses, life skills support for vulnerable adults, cooking and gardening programmes, and core skills training.

We also demonstrated the growing impact of our health and wellbeing initiatives, with more than **200 people attending our community gym** each month as part of our mission to help more people become active and improve their wellbeing. In addition, over **3,000 people now take part in at least one hour of physical activity** every week through activities delivered or supported by The Trin.

With continued community support, we can keep making a positive difference across Cleethorpes and the surrounding areas.



Since January 2023, we have been delivering the Heneage and East Marsh Project, named after two wards within the Grimsby area identified within the deprivation index as communities requiring additional support and opportunities.

This project has provided us with the opportunity to deliver targeted outreach youth work and engage young people from different areas across our town in positive and meaningful activities. Through the project, we achieved an attendance figure of **15,148 young people** across **917 hours of additional youth work provision**.

Our report highlights the significant impact this work has had on individuals and the wider community, supported by powerful case studies and testimonials from young people, families, and partner organisations. These stories demonstrate the importance of accessible youth provision and the positive difference it continues to make in the lives of local people.



The O'Flynn Foundation has recently begun supporting our seated exercise classes, helping us to provide inclusive and accessible sessions for people within our community. These classes combine chair based exercise with valuable social interaction, offering participants the opportunity to enjoy tea, coffee, biscuits, and cake in a welcoming and supportive environment.

While the sessions are primarily designed for people living with Parkinson's and MS, we also open the classes to individuals with other neurological conditions and those with limited mobility. The support provided by The O'Flynn Foundation helps make these sessions financially viable and accessible for everyone, ensuring that no one is excluded from taking part due to cost or circumstance.



Through government funding, we have been able to deliver several important projects this year. The HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme has enabled us to support families on low incomes during the school holidays.

We have also delivered the Warm Space initiative and the Pier Gardens Regeneration Programme, where we consulted with young people to help co-design the plans and ensure their voices were heard throughout the process.



We received funding from the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver a project aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting young people through boxing, fitness, and other positive activities. The programme provided young people with opportunities to build confidence, improve wellbeing, and engage in constructive community based activities.



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