

# WRECKED

## Blaze leaves community groups homeless



■ **DESTROYED:** The remains of the Thornton Lodge Community Centre after the fire this weekend

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**FIRE has robbed Thornton Lodge people of their only community building.**

Thornton Lodge Community Centre has been wrecked by a blaze which took 15 fire crews four hours to extinguish.

The fire, which broke out in the early hours of Saturday, started in a bin outside the building but spread to a gas pipe which took flames up inside the roof space.

The well-used centre was home to women's health and fitness classes, mother and baby groups, youth events, meetings and exhibitions.

All its users must now wait to see whether centre owners Kirklees Council plan to repair or replace the facility.

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