

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Westerhope & District Community Association**

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Westerhope & District Community Association

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Association

The Association manages a Community Centre within nine acres of parkland in Westerhope, Newcastle upon Tyne. The facilities include a Community Centre with a hall, meeting room, lounges, snooker room and associated services, a bowling pavilion with changing rooms, a bowling green, and a multi games area (MUGA). The parkland includes a children's play area and open grassland for public enjoyment and is now directly managed by the local authority. The Community Centre and parkland is owned by the local authority and the Centre leased to the Association. The current lease expired in July 2018. The Association continues running the Centre as a 'tenant in situ' while discussions with the Council continue regarding the terms of a new lease. The Association has successfully managed these facilities since 1977.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the Association is to offer residents of Westerhope and adjoining areas a place to meet socially and enjoy a wide range of activities including education, sport, fitness, leisure and health services.

Significant activities

Activities available include:

- A social club
- Line, modern and sequence dancing
- Zumba classes
- Craft groups
- Art Group
- Outdoor bowls
- Badminton
- Snooker
- Football (Managed by Newcastle City Council)
- Fitness classes
- Children's Dance Group
- WI

The Centre offers rooms for hire to residents, businesses and other bodies and is popular for children and adult parties and other functions.

Public benefit

Membership is available, without restriction, to any person wishing to enjoy our facilities. An annual membership charge of £5.00 is made and an activity charge of about £3.00 per session. It is our aim to keep charges at an affordable level so no individual is excluded because of financial circumstances. Private hirers pay rental charges and activity fees are set by them.

Volunteers

The charity is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. The volunteers assist with the running of the centre, enabling longer opening hours and lower staff costs than would otherwise be the case.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Centre is a popular venue for public consultations ensuring good communication with the general public on key matters affecting the area.

The Association has successfully maintained services throughout the year and have hosted many public events keeping the Centre at the heart of the community.

The Association works closely with schools, churches and other activity providers.

This year the charity had 220 (2024: 230) members where their membership entitled them to access the activities run by the centre. Additionally, some 580 individuals attend regular activities led by hirers, such as Zumba and keep fit. These numbers exclude casual use of the centre by private hirers.

Centenary Year

August 2025 marks the centenary of the Centre. To celebrate, the Association has undertaken significant upgrading of facilities including refurbishing the bowling green and the lounges using a crowdfunding scheme and a postcode lottery grant.

The Trustees are particularly thankful to North of Tyne Combined Authority and the Postcode Community Trust for their generous support enabling these major upgrades to take place.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

At the year end the association held unrestricted reserves of £129,357 which the Trustees believe to be an appropriate amount to fund future requirements.

The Association does not make grants to external bodies but does, from time to time, give small donations for activities which support the aims of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The Association is funded mainly by its own activities but enjoys some local authority grant aid for specific purposes.

It is expected that the Association will benefit next year from grants made by companies carrying out housing development nearby.

The Association is responsible for the running costs of the Centre, including utilities, furnishing and decoration and for the purchase of any capital items for which grant aid is not available. The local authority is responsible for structural repair and maintenance.

The Association is grateful to The Spacehive project which granted £26,265 to the Centre in July 2024 to allow improvements to be carried out on the bowling green ditches.

Details of each of these funding sources can be found on pages 11 and 12.

The receipt of this funding enables the charity to meet its charitable objective to advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers a reasonable expenditure period. The charity has increased its reserves policy to now cover at least six months expenditure. The level of unrestricted reserves held at the year end is considered sufficient to comply with the reserves policy and to allow some future investment on projects such as energy saving initiatives where grants are not available or are insufficient to cover the full project costs.

At 31 March 2025 the charity held free reserves of £93,510 (2024: £101,641).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are elected from members of the Association from nominations made in advance of the AGM. The Trust Deed sets out arrangements for the resignation, election and re-election of members as Trustees.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees administer the charity, where they meet regularly. A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage day to day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operation, the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees, for operational matters including finance, employment and advancement of education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community related activities.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on:

- their legal obligations under charity law;
- the Charity Commission on public benefit;
- inform them of the content of the trust deed;
- the committee and decision making processes;
- the business plan; and
- recent financial performance of the charity.

Key management remuneration

The trustees consider the board of trustees as comprising of the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling and operating the charity. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity may face;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the

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management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due, regular liaison with the bank, and active management of debtor and creditor balances to ensure sufficient working capital by the charity.

Attention has also been focussed on non-financial risks from fire, health and safety and management. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies in place, and regular awareness training for staff in operational areas.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1044378

Principal address

Hillhead Road
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Trustees

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Mr A Bell
Mrs P A Bell
Mr K Burn
Mr R McCall
Mr D Hodgson

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8th December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr D Armstrong - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Westerhope & District Community Association**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Westerhope & District Community Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Westerhope & District Community Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Craig Henderson ACCA

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Date: 17 December 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	6,993	26,265	33,258	6,839
Charitable activities	5				
To advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community		64,201	200	64,401	83,934
Investment income	4	<u>508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>306</u>
Total		<u>71,702</u>	<u>26,465</u>	<u>98,167</u>	<u>91,079</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
To advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community		<u>76,834</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>77,034</u>	<u>67,249</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	14	(5,132) <u>26,265</u>	26,265 <u>(26,265)</u>	21,133 <u>-</u>	23,830 <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		21,133	-	21,133	23,830
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>108,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,224</u>	<u>84,394</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>129,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,357</u>	<u>108,224</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements


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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	35,847	-	35,847	6,583
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	13,065	-	13,065	11,507
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>96,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,262</u>	<u>107,341</u>
		109,327	-	109,327	118,848
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(15,817)	-	(15,817)	(17,207)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>93,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,510</u>	<u>101,641</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>129,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,357</u>	<u>108,224</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>129,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,357</u>	<u>108,224</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				<u>129,357</u>	<u>108,224</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>129,357</u>	<u>108,224</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8th December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Mr D Armstrong - Trustee


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Mr A Bell - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Westerhope and District Community Association is an unincorporated charity, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling £ and rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The trustees have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis and continue to monitor the impact of increasing energy costs. The trustees have already installed energy efficient equipment and will continue to install further equipment to help with this. The trustees are not aware of any other uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from grants, including capital grants, is included within income when communication has been received in writing of both the amount and the period to which they relate. In the event that the grant was received in advance of the period to which it relates, the grant is therefore deferred and included in within creditors. When the grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Income from subscription income is included when the memberships are renewed.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure and irrecoverable vat

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of running the community centre to enable the advancement of education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs have been differentiated between governance and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have all been allocated on a direct cost basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and impairment losses.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Impairment of assets

At each reporting date fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	26,265	-
Reimbursement of overheads	6,000	6,000
Subscriptions	993	839
	<u>33,258</u>	<u>6,839</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>508</u>	<u>306</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Association's income	64,201	58,536
Grants-others	<u>200</u>	<u>25,398</u>
	<u>64,401</u>	<u>83,934</u>

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	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
To advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community	75,221	1,813	77,034

	Governance costs £
To advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community	1,813

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	To	
	advance	
	education	
	and	
	leisure	
	time of	
	inhabitants	
	within	
	the	Total
	community	activities
	£	£
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,813</u>	<u>1,400</u>

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	15,300	13,279
Social security costs	893	576
Other pension costs	<u>272</u>	<u>211</u>
	<u>16,465</u>	<u>14,066</u>

	2025	2024
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	6,839	-	6,839
Charitable activities			
To advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community	83,934	-	83,934
Investment income	<u>306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306</u>
Total	<u>91,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,079</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
To advance education and leisure time of inhabitants within the community	<u>67,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,249</u>
NET INCOME	23,830	-	23,830
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>84,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,394</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>108,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,224</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2024	21,818
Additions	34,323
Disposals	<u>(1,390)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>54,751</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	15,235
Charge for year	5,059
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,390)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>18,904</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>35,847</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>6,583</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	7,915	7,560
VAT account	4,224	3,131
Prepayments	<u>926</u>	<u>816</u>
	<u>13,065</u>	<u>11,507</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Taxation and social security	134	401
Other creditors	<u>15,683</u>	<u>16,806</u>
	<u>15,817</u>	<u>17,207</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	47,608	(640)	37,861	84,829
Designated Fund	40,616	508	-	41,124
The Postcode Community Trust	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(11,596)</u>	<u>3,404</u>
	108,224	(5,132)	26,265	129,357
Restricted funds				
Spacehive	-	26,265	(26,265)	-
	<u>108,224</u>	<u>21,133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,357</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,194	(71,834)	(640)
Designated Fund	508	-	508
The Postcode Community Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
	71,702	(76,834)	(5,132)
Restricted funds			
WERC	200	(200)	-
Spacehive	<u>26,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,265</u>
	<u>26,465</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>26,265</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>98,167</u>	<u>(77,034)</u>	<u>21,133</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	44,083	3,525	47,608
Designated Fund	40,311	305	40,616
The Postcode Community Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>84,394</u>	<u>23,830</u>	<u>108,224</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>84,394</u>	<u>23,830</u>	<u>108,224</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	70,774	(67,249)	3,525
Designated Fund	305	-	305
The Postcode Community Trust	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>91,079</u>	<u>(67,249)</u>	<u>23,830</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>91,079</u>	<u>(67,249)</u>	<u>23,830</u>

The unrestricted fund represents the free funds of the charity, which are not designated for particular purposes.

The charity has funds invested in a National Savings and Investment account and this is shown as an unrestricted designated fund within the accounts.

The major restricted funds as detailed above relate to the following activities carried out by the charity:-

Newcastle City Council - WERC

These funds are used to purchase plants for flower beds in the neighbourhood.

Spacehive

This was a crowd funding project for improvements to the bowling green which was undertaken during the year.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	26,265	-
Reimbursement of overheads	6,000	6,000
Subscriptions	<u>993</u>	<u>839</u>
	33,258	6,839
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	508	306
Charitable activities		
Association's income	64,201	58,536
Grants-others	<u>200</u>	<u>25,398</u>
	<u>64,401</u>	<u>83,934</u>
Total incoming resources	98,167	91,079
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	15,300	13,279
Social security	893	576
Pensions	272	211
Water rates	1,953	2,101
Insurance	246	335
Light and heat	18,049	24,272
Telephone and internet	1,262	1,220
Postage and stationery	142	291
Sundries	74	72
Repairs and renewals	8,371	3,534
Purchase of equipment	-	2,660
Treatment to bowling green	-	2,738
WERC	200	-
Licences	857	491
Legal and professional fees	1,180	1,151
Website costs	580	451
Cleaning	9,785	9,204
Donations	1,278	814
Pledges to Spacehive	9,300	-
Rent of equipment	420	371
Fixtures and fittings	<u>5,059</u>	<u>2,078</u>
	75,221	65,849
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,813</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Total resources expended	<u>77,034</u>	<u>67,249</u>
Net income	<u>21,133</u>	<u>23,830</u>

