

# ABBOTS VALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1066302

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1997-11-27

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS TO ADVANCE EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATIONSTO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTREE

**Activities:** To provide facilities for recreation and leisure time to improve the lives of the inhabitants of the Risedale Ward by securing the establishment of the Community Centre and to maintain, manage and co-operate with local statutory authority in the maintenence and management of the Community Centre.  
(Taken from the constitution)

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** RISEDALE AREA OF BARROW IN FURNESS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Cumbria

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£84,469	£84,469	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,344	£38,631	-	-
2023-03-31	£33,056	£40,557	-	-
2022-03-31	£45,303	£42,054	-	-
2021-03-31	£54,779	£35,361	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JEAN WAITING</b>	Chair	
ALFRED SIDNEY HADLEY		2017-07-13
MARLENE THOMPSON		
Maureen Anne Quinn		2017-07-13
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## YEARLY REPORT 2024

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We have worked closely with the Community Team at Westmorland and Furness to help with the funding bids and to gain inspiration on what we can offer to the Community. Kevin Bell the Community Worker has been such a help, with advice and funding bid knowledge.

The Community Centre itself remains as busy as ever, with nearly all hire space filled to capacity, we have welcomed new groups this year one of which is the local Slimming World group, a very busy group bringing many of the local community through our doors, we have received lots of praise over the Community Centre and how welcoming we are from the organiser, which is something we remain proud of and why the Community Centre remains busy. We will be welcoming baby sensory in the new year, and no doubt other new groups in the coming months, to join our regular hirers who have been with us many years and who include, Abbotsvale Over 55's, Rhythm Time, Blossom Babes, Vale tenants and residents, Daisy First Aid for children, Cut and Chat, Generations Dance, Fearless Dance and Heartbeeps

In 2025 we plan to become more Eco friendly and have recently had an Energy Efficiency Audit. We plan to replace all our lighting in the near future as well as looking at options for new Eco friendly heating and solar panels for the building.

Funding has been received to help cover the wages of our Manager Karen, who has now been with us for 25 years, from 'The Sir John Fisher Foundation. They have always been very supportive of the Community Centre and our Community aims over the years and continue to support us in the work we do. We have also had National Lottery funding in the last 12 months that funded new fire doors, a new boiler in the Nursery, water boilers on the wall and helped towards the running costs and utilities of the centre.

So going forward 2025 will be a year of new beginnings for the Community Centre and its new Community Space that we have no doubts will be well used and an asset to the Community of Risedale.



# Abbotsvale Community Association

## Chartered Accountants Report to Abbotsvale Community Association

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 from the records, information and explanations supplied to us.

Orwin Oliver  
Chartered Accountants

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# **Abbotsvle Community Association**

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Abbotsvale Community Association

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

<u>2023</u>	<u>Balances at 1st April 2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2024</u>
30,876	Current Account	22,781			
4,125	Rent Account	4,125			
110	Respite Care Account	696			
69	Lloyds Bowling Account	69			
16	Cash in hand	24			
35,196		27,695			
	<u>Income</u>			<u>General Expenses</u>	
	Donations	500	17,984	Wages	19,445
340	Cut and Chat Group	260	333	Rates	265
533	Blossom Babies	360	2,007	Materials & Equipment	2,698
722	Abbotsvale Over 55's	1,334	1,620	Water	1,521
110	Sandra Porter Open Circle		3,927	Heat & Light	4,052
750	Unsiom/Rotary Funding		987	Telephone	417
	Generation Dance	1,170	1,417	Pension	1,296
1,043	Heartbeeps	1,623	330	Consumables	0
2,293	Fearless Dance	2,380	1,356	Refuse Collection	1,608
18,406	Cheeky Monkey Rent	13,500	531	Printing, Postage & Stationery	27
3,291	Cheeky Monkey Utilities/Office Refuse	4,843	284	Cleaning	60
1,218	Orkadia Ltd Rhyme Time	2,250	240	Garden Services	0
1,281	Kay Charnley Dance School		1,368	Insurance	750
	Y'All Dancing	600	7,010	Maintenance & Renewals	2,840
	Private Rent	520	338	Food & Drink	1,501
118	Pathways/First Aid		545	Gift & Christmas Dinner	1,379
951	Business Support Grants		6	Travel	0
	Age UK	1,740	0	Accountancy	480
2,000	Cumbria County Council Grants		165	Respite Costs	192
	Inpost Rent	107	109	Misc	100
33,056	Fundraise & Recycle	157	40,557		38,631
		31,344			
				<u>Balances at 31st March 2024</u>	
68,252		59,039	22,781	Current Account	15,400
			4,125	Rent Account	4,125
			696	Respite Care Account	804
			69	Lloyds Bowling Account	69
			24	Cash in hand	10
			27,695		20,408
			68,252		59,039

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Abbotsvaley Community Association**

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# **ABBOTSVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE YEARLY REPORT 2023**

## **November 2023**

Another year has passed in the Abbots vale Community Centre and thankfully it remains as busy as ever with many varied groups running sessions on a weekly basis that are thankfully well attended, groups ranging from Baby Yoga to the Abbots vale Over 55s group. We have also welcomed two new groups into the centre, Y'All line dance classes and a local Marching Group that has hired the hall twice a week. The Tenants and residents group is still very well attended tackling community issues and helping residents on a day to day basis. We are always looking at ideas to help the community as well as raising funds for the Community Centre and two ways which we have broached this is by organising the installation of an In-post locker to help people post and collect parcels, which is very handy at this festive time of year. We have also installed a clothes bank outside the building to help people recycle their old clothes. The Community Centre is paid a small amount of rent from the in-post locker and the clothes bank we receive a small donation when clothes are weighed in, as they say every little helps.

Exciting times are ahead for the Community Centre, we have just recently celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding a get together for the centres users and group organisers and the event was catered for by Karen our Manager and Kerry the Nursery Manager who put together an amazing buffet. We have had some amazing comments from the people who joined us to celebrate, it truly was a lovely afternoon and enjoyed by all.

In 2024 there will be exciting changes for the Centre, the all weather bowling green that has been unused since before Covid will be changed into a community space, with sensory gardens, play areas for children in the nursery and centre users, an outside wooden building for groups to utilise as well as the Cheeky Nursery, picnic spaces and benches. This area has been unused for over 3 years now and has fallen into disrepair. We are working closely with Westmorland and Furness Council's Community Development Department so help raise funds and to invite other local organisations like age Concern, local schools and groups to join us with the project.

Abbotsvale Community Centre has been the heart of the Risedale ward of Barrow for the last 25 years. In that time we have welcomed and said goodbye to many groups and people, but even so we remain a busy community Centre serving the local community.

**Abbotsvale Community Association**

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2022	<u>Balances at 1st April 2022</u>	2023	2022	<u>Expenditure</u>	2023
26,821	Current Account	30,876			
4,125	Rent Account	4,125			
770	Respite Care Account	110			
229	<u>Lloyds Bowling Account</u>	69			
<u>2</u>	Cash in hand	<u>16</u>			
31,947		35,196			
	 <u>Income</u>			 <u>General Expenses</u>	
100	Cut and Chat Group	340	16,735	Wages	17,984
915	Blossom Babies	533	170	Rates	333
258	Abbotsvale Over 55's	722	1,033	Materials & Equipment	2,007
260	Sandra Porter Open Circle	110	943	Water	1,620
-	Unison/Rotary Funding	750	4,261	Heat & Light	3,927
-	Stackwood Avenue Over 55's		1,050	Telephone	987
720	Heartbeeps	1,043	1,125	Pension	1,417
1,384	Fearless Dance	2,293	444	Consumables	330
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840	Orkadia Ltd Rhyme Time	1,218	640	Cleaning	284
1,601	Kay Charnley Dance School	1,281	-	Garden Services	240
-	Insurance Claims		965	Insurance	1,368
-	Pathways/First Aid	118	11,152	Maintenance & Renewals	7,010
10,667	Business Support Grants	951	243	Food & Drink	338
3,488	Job retention Scheme Grants		588	Gift & Christmas Dinner	545
-	Cumbria County Council Grants	2,000	16	Travel	6
10,000	Lottery Grant		-	Cash Drawn	-
<u>473</u>	Mayor Relief Fund		730	Respite Costs	165
45,304		33,056	<u>332</u>	Misc	<u>109</u>
			42,055		40,557
				 <u>Balances at 31st March 2023</u>	
			30,876	Current Account	22,781
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# **ABBOTSVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE YEARLY REPORT 2020**

## **October 2021**

Abbotsvale Community Centre is once again busy with community users and groups that have all returned after the Covid lockdown since March 2020. It has been a very hard 18 months for everyone but we are now seeing a little more of normal life on the horizon. We continue to follow all government guidelines to ensure the safe use of the building for all users, which includes mask wearing and hand gel, social distancing and regular Lateral flow tests for staff both in the Community Centre and our tenants Cheeky Monkeys Nursery.

We have been lucky enough to be able to apply for government grants and the furlough scheme over the last 18 months that have enabled the Community centre to stay open ready for when this Virus is a dim and distant nightmare and to continue paying our manager Karen whilst the centre was closed to all users. Without this financial assistance from local government grants and the furlough scheme the Community Centre would be no more, which would be an immense loss to all local residents and groups that regularly rely on us.

All groups that have returned have also found it very hard, some not being able to access funding available due to not fitting into the right criteria, this has been a real struggle for them so we are even more thrilled that they now have returned and numbers are increasing.

It is lovely to finally see the over 55's return last month after 15 months of not being able to run due to the numbers in the hall and covid restrictions. I think the isolation has been doubly hard on the older generation so its amazing to see so many familiar faces returning to our centre.

The numbers attending the Cheeky Monkeys Nursery have now also returned to normal after initially having to close its door in 2020. Parents now feel reassured that Kerry the Nursery Owner, Sam the manager and their staff are doing all they can to make sure the children are as safe as can be, including doing Lateral flow tests twice a week for all staff.

After receiving funding from the National Lottery, awards for all scheme, new CCTV cameras and ceiling fire detectors will be replaced in the Centre and the Nursery rooms, with the emergency lighting being done back in 2019. The health and safety of our users remains high on our priority list.

All the groups that have now returned have commented how lovely and fresh the centre looks after Karen came into the centre while it was closed to all users and decorated the hall and toilets.

As we near the end of yet another year blighted by Covid all we can do is hope things improve over the coming months and years as the vaccine program increases. Luckily all the Association members have kept themselves safe, the Abbotsvale Community Centre stays strong ready to give service to the local community for many years to come.



Karen Lancaster  
Centre Manager  
Abbotsvale Community Association  
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**Barrow Borough Council**  
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**Our Ref:** BBC/KJ

**Contact Name:** K Jackson

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

**Your Ref:**

**Tel No:** (01229) 876393

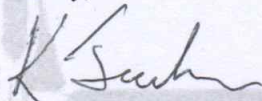
Dear Karen,

ABBOTSVALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Thank you for returning the signed statement of account. I have now certified the statement and enclose a copy for your records and for presentation to your Committee and Annual meeting.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,



K Jackson  
Head of Internal Audit

Copy to: Steph Corden, Director of People and Place