

Charity Registration Number: 1076322

Dalton Community Association

**Trustees' Annual Report
Year Ended 31st March 2025**

**Dalton Community Association
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31st March 2025**

**Knox Accountants Ltd
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Trustees' Annual Report Year Ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the Association are:-

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Dalton Town and surrounding area (see appendix for details) of Dalton-in-Furness (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the objects of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain and manage, or to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objectives.

Achievements and Performance

This past year has been one of significant activity and achievement for Dalton Community Association. We remain deeply grateful for the continued support we receive through grants, partnerships and donations, all of which enable us to enhance our services and maintain the Centre to a high standard.

Special thanks are extended to:

The Family Hub, who donated a television for use in the King's Own Suite and was particularly welcomed by the youngsters from the Youth Club

The Family Hub for awarding a £10,000 grant towards investigative work for the installation of a lift, supporting our goal of making the Centre fully accessible.

The Westmorland and Furness Council (Library department) for providing new reception furniture.

Reliacare for donating six armrest chairs for use in the main hall – greatly appreciated by our elderly users.

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Achievements and Performance (cont'd)

Barrow Rotary for their generous contribution towards initiatives addressing antisocial behaviour.

Governance and Policies

The Trustee Board remains committed to robust governance practices. Policies continue to be reviewed regularly to ensure compliance and suitability.

Health and Safety

Ensuring the health and safety of Centre users and staff remains a priority. Key assessments and inspections completed this year include:

- Electric Installation Inspection (EICR).
- Energy Performance Survey

Trustee Appointments

We were pleased to welcome Barry Curley and Beverly Louw to the Board on 27th February 2025. Their expertise is already proving invaluable.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Claire Stainton, Ann Thurlow and Anthony Callister for their dedication and contribution during their time as Trustees.

Centre Maintenance and Improvements

Improving the quality, safety and accessibility of our facilities remained a major focus for the year. Key developments included:

- Replacement of water heaters in the East Wing and the kitchen
- Improved internet connectivity through the installation of fibre broadband
- Implementation of internet banking
- Replacement of the main hall floor due to unevenness and health and safety concerns
- Installation of a bespoke storage cupboard in the East Wing for the Crafters Group
- Delivery of youth outreach work during half term and summer holidays, funded by the Cumbria Community Foundation (providing 4 hours per day 2 days per week)

New Centre Users

We were delighted to welcome a number of new groups to the Centre this year, demonstrating growing interest in our facilities. These include:

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Achievements and Performance (cont'd)

- Looking Good, Feeling Great
- Shindig
- Pegasus Group
- NCompass
- Pupil Referral Service
- Boxercise
- Community Integrated Care

These partnerships support our mission to offer a diverse range of valuable services to the local community.

Community Engagement

A highlight of the year was the D-Day Celebration Afternoon Tea, held on the 6th June. 40 community members attended and enjoyed home-made cakes, savoury treats, sandwiches 1940s music to mark the occasion. The warm and positive feedback received reflects the value of such community events.

Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour in the vicinity has unfortunately increased over the past year. A meeting involving Dalton Community Association, Cumbria Police, and Westmorland and Furness Library Service took place in December. While a formal plan is still in development, discussions are ongoing and measures are being explored to deter negative behaviour around the Centre.

Lift Project/Sensory Room Development

The £10,000 grant from the Family Hub enabled us to begin investigative work on the installation of a lift to improve first-floor accessibility. Architect Chris Bugler presented initial designs to the Board in July 2024. The estimated project cost is approximately £260,000 including VAT. The Board anticipates securing funding through grants and fundraising activities, with the aim of completing the project within the next 5 years.

Staff

We welcomed Nichola Baker as the new Centre Manager in May 2024; she resigned on 9th January 2025. A recruitment process followed, resulting in the appointment of Shannen May who commenced employment on the 1st April 2025.

A Centre clean-up day was organised, with support of the Trustees leading to much-needed painting of corridors and sprucing up of the kitchen and toilet facilities.

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Achievements and Performance (cont'd)

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the support I have received from the Board. Thank you to all the trustees for their help and support. If I may I would like to single out Ian Maddox and John McGill who once again have been pillars of support over the last 12 months.

The DCA's financial position remains positive, and our Treasurer Brian Ryninks remains instrumental in supporting the financial management of the Association.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on enhancing our facilities, strengthening community engagement and promoting a safe, inclusive environment.

Financial Review

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity holds sufficient reserves to continue its operations for the next twelve months.

Reserves Policy

The DCA follows Charity Commission guidance and aims to maintain reserves of £34,000 to meet ongoing commitments.

Plans for future

The maintenance of the building continues to be our highest priority. Recent investigations confirmed that full replacement of the flat roof not required, as the issue identified has now been resolved, stopping the long-term water ingress.

Our next focus is replacing the wooden floor in the entrance hall which has begun to buckle.

Structure, Governance and Management

Appointment of Trustees

Dalton Community Association is a charity governed under a constitution Trustees who are elected at the Annual General Meeting, are appointed to the Board following nomination by member organisations or are co-opted by the Trustee Board. (Appointment of nominated or co-opted Trustees is agreed at any ordinary meeting of the Board.)

Recruitment, induction and training of trustees

The Trustee Board actively seeks out new Trustees as appropriate to ensure the Board has the most useful skill mix possible and is representative of the local community.

All trustees are expected to be committed to the aims and principles of Dalton Community Association and be willing to take an active role in the governance of the Association.

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Recruitment, induction and training of trustees (cont'd)

Trustees are selected on the basis of the expertise and experience they might bring to the organisation. All new Trustees are made aware of the structure, aims and principles of Dalton Community Association, legal obligations under charity law, the objectives and activities of Dalton Community Association and current business and development plans.

Organisation structure and networks

Dalton Community Association is governed by the Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and has ultimate responsibility for the conduct of Dalton Community Association and for ensuring that the charity satisfies its legal and contractual obligations. Board meetings are held monthly with additional meetings as necessary. Non-Trustee members may be co-opted to attend meetings for a specific expertise they bring for time limited periods.

Operations management of Dalton Community Association is delegated to the Chair of the Board, who works closely with the Centre Manager to ensure delivery of all services

Risk Policy

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place, so timely action is taken to mitigate exposure to those risks.

The major risk to the organisation is the risk of an unforeseen large building repair. The building is the main asset of the charity and the reason for the existence of the Dalton Community Association and can be a significant drain on financial resources.

Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed by the trustees and staff to ensure they still meet the needs of the charity.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Dalton Community Association

Charity registration number 1076322

Principal office and registered office 21 Nelson Street
Dalton in Furness
Cumbria
LA15 8AF

The Trustees

Mrs W Robinson
Mr B Doughty
Mr I Maddox
Mr R Willock
Mr D Ward
Mr N Perie
Mr. S Nott
Mrs A Thurlow (Resigned (01.11.2024)
Mrs S Johnson
Mr J McGill
Mr. A Callister (Resigned 25.01.2025) C Stainton
Mrs Beverly Louw (Appointed 27.02.2025)
Mr Barry Curly (Appointed 27.02.2025)

Treasurer

Mr B Ryninks

Auditors

Knox Accountants Limited
6 Bath Street
Barrow in Furness
LA14 1LZ

Bankers

NatWest Bank
Dalton Road
Barrow in Furness
LA14 1WY

The Trustees' Annual Report was approved on 27th November 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:-

Mrs W Robinson - Chair

Dalton Community Association

Charity No. 1076322

Financial Statements

for the year ended

31 March 2025

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Independent Examiners Report To The Trustees Of
Dalton Community Association
On The Accounts For The Year Ended 31 March 2025
Set Out On Pages 3 to 6

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

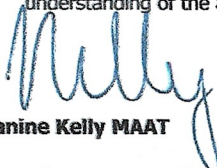
Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019).
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Janine Kelly MAAT

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26 November 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating the Income & Expenditure Account)

for the year 31 March 2025


		<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Charity Operations							
Income							
	Sundry Income		14,714	14,714		8,863	8,863
	Grants for Projects	1,500		1,500	9,095		9,095
	Donations		1,752	1,752		1,454	1,454
	Cadets		5,796	5,796		5,796	5,796
	Police		4,800	4,800		4,800	4,800
	Youth Work			0			0
	Library		5,004	5,004		5,004	5,004
	Children's Centre		3,600	3,600		3,600	3,600
	True Life Church		1,515	1,515		3,760	3,760
	Income from Electricity Grid		873	873		2,224	2,224
		1,500	38,054	39,554	9,095	35,500	44,595
Expenditure							
	Broadband & Telephone		600	600		859	859
	Repairs		1,606	1,606		842	842
	Cleaning incl Materials & Equipment		2,886	2,886		964	964
	Salaries		16,446	16,446		17,224	17,224
	Insurance		3,641	3,641		1,883	1,883
	Water		1,485	1,485		808	808
	Gas		2,640	2,640		1,553	1,553
	Electricity		2,553	2,553		1,732	1,732
	Projects	6,216		6,216	9,099		9,099
	External Building & Roof Repairs		0	0		946	946
	Lighting, Building, F&F, Equipment		2,200	2,200		726	726
	Banners / Signs / Pictures		0	0		132	132
	Miscellaneous		7,615	7,615		6,387	6,387
	Hall Floor		6,017	6,017			0
	Release of accruals no longer require		-5,405	-5,405			0
	Write off of revenue accrued but not		969	969			0
	Independent Examiner		300	300		300	300
		6,216	43,554	49,770	9,099	34,355	43,454
		-4,716	-5,500	-10,216	-4	1,145	1,141
		6,958	62,142	69,100	6,962	60,996	67,958
FUNDS at the end of the YEAR		2,242	56,642	58,884	6,958	62,142	69,100

Dalton Community Association**Charity No. 1076322****Financial Statements****for the year ended 31 March 2025****Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)****as at 31 March 2025**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS			
Fixed Assets			
Building	2	0	0
Current Assets			
Accounts Receivable		374	70
Prepayments		2,743	1,552
		<u>3,117</u>	<u>1,622</u>
Petty Cash		129	156
Bank Accounts - Unrestricted		57,196	64,522
Bank Accounts - Restricted		2,242	6,958
		<u>59,567</u>	<u>71,636</u>
Current Liabilities			
Restricted Funds Received in Advance	3	0	0
Creditors		3,763	4,158
		<u>3,763</u>	<u>4,158</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>58,921</u>	<u>69,101</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>58,921</u>	<u>69,101</u>
RESERVES			
Restricted	1	2,242	6,958
Unrestricted	1	56,679	62,143
		<u>58,921</u>	<u>69,101</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>58,921</u>	<u>69,101</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on
and are signed on their behalf by:

27/11/2025


Chair W. Robinson

Dalton Community Association**Charity No. 1076322****Financial Statements****for the year ended****31 March 2025****Notes to the Financial Statements****1 Accounting Policies****Income**

Income including donations, gifts and trading income is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the funds and the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Fund Accounting***Unrestricted funds***

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds arise where the donor specifies the use of the funds, or the funds have arisen in response to an appeal or application for a specified purpose. In prior years, until all performance conditions have been met, the income was treated as Received in Advance. During the current year, remaining amounts Received in Advance were taken to Restricted Income.

Taxation

HM Revenue & Customs considers Dalton Community Association to be a charity and therefore entitled to exemption from tax afforded by Sections 478 - 489 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 to the extent that income is applied exclusively for charitable purposes.

2 Building

Dalton Drill Hall, 21 Nelson Street, Dalton in Furness, LA15 8AF - acquired 8 May 2013 by Community Asset Transfer. Valuation 29 May 2024 by an Independent Estate Agent - £375,000 (£375,000 - valuations 28 January 2022 & 23 March 2019).

3 Restricted Funds

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Lunch Club</u>		
Balance brought forward	1,704	3,199
Received		0
Utilised during the year	-1,704	-1,495
Balance carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>1,704</u>
<u>Youth Worker</u>		
Balance brought forward	1,703	0
Received		1,895
Utilised during the year	-1,600	-192
Balance carried forward	<u>103</u>	<u>1,703</u>

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	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Hall Floor</u>		
Balance brought forward	2,911	750
Received		2,200
Utilised during the year	-2,911	-39
Balance carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>2,911</u>
<u>Sensory Lighting</u>		
Balance brought forward	640	3,013
Received		0
Utilised during the year		-2,373
Balance carried forward	<u>640</u>	<u>640</u>
<u>Building Repairs</u>		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Received	0	5,000
Utilised during the year	0	-5,000
Balance carried forward	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Chairs</u>		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Received	500	0
Utilised during the year	0	0
Balance carried forward	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Furness Community Network</u>		
Balance brought forward	0	0
Received	1,000	0
Utilised during the year	0	0
Balance carried forward	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>2,243</u>	<u>6,958</u>

4 Reserves

The DCA Reserve Policy makes provision for six months operating costs, redundancy and non-major building repairs totalling £34,000.