

Dodnaze Community Association

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Independent examiner's report to the members of Dodnaze Community Association

Charity number 1097397

Registered office and operational address 54 Hirst Grove, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8DN

Trustees

Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Paula Chambers	Chair
Simon Garrod	Treasurer
Sue Walpole	Secretary
Kerry Jones	Trustee appointed 23 June 2025
Charlotte Martin	Trustee appointed 17 October 2025
Lauren Robson	Trustee resigned 30 April 2025

There were no trustees who held title to property belonging to the charity during the reporting period or at the date of approval.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Community Centre Manager.

Bankers

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Independent examination

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Trustees' annual report

For the year to 31st March 2025

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

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

The association runs a community centre in Dodnaze near Hebden Bridge. It provides facilities for health and social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation of residents; the community centre aims to work towards defeating isolation and loneliness.

The centre provides regular classes in yoga, crafts, summer school, forest school and a warm space for local residents and the wider neighbourhood.

To further or benefit the residents of Dodnaze and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations 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 objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities focus on local residents and are undertaken to further Dodnaze Community Association's charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Beneficiaries of our services

Adults and children who live in Dodnaze and the neighbourhood are welcome to attend groups and classes for exercise and social interactions.

Some local residents have got involved with the centre as volunteers.

Financial review

At the end of the period Dodnaze Community Association had total funds of £26,468 (2024: £6,014) consisting of unrestricted funds of £0 (2024: £619) and restricted funds of £26,468 (2024: £5,395).

Cash reserves at the bank were £26,217 (2024: £6,009). There are no immediate concerns about the charity's finances.

During the year the charity received unrestricted income of £3,373 (2024: £2,156) and restricted income of £33,580 (2024: £17,632). Expenditure for the year from unrestricted funds was £11,189 (2024: £13,038) and from restricted funds £5,310 (2024: £1,363). Transfer between funds was £1,317 (2024: £801).

Reserves policy

The charity is in the process of developing its reserves policy and currently aims to maintain reserves at the level of 3 months' worth on unrestricted expenditure which based on the financial year to 31 March 2025 stands at £1,327. The charity is engaged in fundraising and is confident that sufficient funds will be raised to do this.

Plans for the future

The charity is aiming to raise unrestricted funds.

The centre wants to continue to run the very successful summer school and forest school.

Structure, governance and management

Trustees, elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be elected at the AGM. Trustees are members of the centre who present themselves as interested to be trustees or who are approached as outside persons, both with a skillset which may be helpful to the charity.

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered as a charity on 21 February 2001 in England and Wales.

The charity is constituted under a constitution 21 February 2001. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Related parties and relationships with other organisations

There were no related party transactions during the year and the association has no relationships with other organisations.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

The centre employs a part time admin worker to run the centre.

Risk management

The trustees review and assess the risks face by the Charity which fall into the main categories listed below:

- Governance
- Operations
- Finances
- Environmental and external factors such as public opinion and relationships with key partners
- Compliance with law and regulation

The Charity has recruited a board of trustees with an appropriate range of skills and experience with access to specialist support when required, for example using Third Sector Accountancy for accountancy support.

The operations of the charity are well managed and meet and enhance the requirements of service and centre users, supported by a number of committed and hard-working volunteers. The trustees have secured a lease on the centre building with Together Housing for a peppercorn rent that will enable them to bid for a wider range of external funding.

The trustees and volunteers work hard to raise awareness of the opportunities and services offered by the Charity, which is evidenced by the sustained membership.

The trustees regularly review legal requirements and regulations relating to the Charity and its operations.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



Paula Chambers
Chair

10 / 12 / 2025

Report to the trustees of Dodnaze Community Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 8.

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 for this year 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,
- to 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 examiner's statement

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:

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
for the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
Receipts				
Grants	-	33,580	33,580	19,789
Other income generated	3,373	-	3,373	-
Sub total	3,373	33,580	36,953	19,789
Total receipts	3,373	33,580	36,953	19,789
Payments				
Staff costs	1,287	2,011	3,298	6,249
Premises costs	-	720	720	833
Office and administration	2,112	1,801	3,913	3,038
Project costs	1,911	6,658	8,569	2,301
Staff training	-	-	-	1,980
Sundry/other costs		250	250	-
Sub total	5,310	11,440	16,750	14,401
Total payments	5,310	11,440	16,750	14,401
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	1,937	22,140	5,388
Transfers between funds	1,318	-	1,318	-
Cash funds last year end	619	5,395	6,014	627
Cash funds this year end	-	26,217	26,217	6,015

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total
Cash funds			
Bank current account		26,217	26,217
Total cash funds	-	26,217	26,217

Approved and signed on behalf of all trustees on: 10 / 12 / 2025



(Simon Garrod)



(Paula Chambers)