

Annual report of Walney Community Trust for 2025

Throughout 2025, we continued our well-established two-pronged approach to supporting the local community, roughly split into “youth based” and “community based” activities, with increasing and considerable overlap between the two. Our services again made a positive impact upon sizeable numbers of people of all ages.

Youth activities were led for the first half of the year by our Deputy Lead Youth worker, Yvonne, supported by our team of Youth workers; in the latter part of the year, our newly appointed Lead Youth Worker, Laura P, took over those reins. The youth club was held initially on four evenings per week, organised according to age groups, latterly on three evenings per week plus focus groups and a monthly meal on a fourth evening. Sessions included typical youth club activities: pancake and pizza making, arts and crafts, games, end of year and Christmas parties etc. and visits from the likes of Natural England, Cumbria Fire Service and Barrow AFC. We have maintained our very positive relationship with the local Police Community Support Officer, who has attended sessions regularly and supported us in applying for funding. We also organised a youth club day visit to Morecambe, enjoyed by 20+ of our members. The youth club sessions were very well-attended, with a total footfall of 2400+ (compared to 2600+ the previous year, the reduction due to staffing issues in the youth team).

A major development in our youth provision was the introduction of an in-house “Summer Youth Club” during the summer holidays, for three sessions per week (one daytime, two evenings) for five weeks. The sessions were well attended; for example, a total of 180 young people attended the day sessions, comprising 47 unique users. The feedback from children, parents and carers was overwhelmingly positive, and demand to run the programme again was high. Families told us how much they valued having a safe, structured environment for their children during the long school break.

The **community** strand of our work was again led by our Lead Community Worker, Laura F, supported in the second part of the year by Sarah (Community and Youth Worker) and Lin (Adult Mentor) and various volunteers. Community activities aimed at supporting both individuals and families were organised from our centre: Saturday community meals with bingo, Toddler sessions, wellbeing walks, chair aerobics, Pilates, Great Big Green Week, litter picks, Warm Welcome Hub, Seed to Plate project, Christmas Fayre etc. We again ran or hosted a number of courses in addition to the above activities e.g. air fryer course, Women’s Safe Space Confidence Building. We participated in Foodshare collections, enabling us to distribute food provisions to the neediest in our community. 2025 was the third of a five-year funding agreement with The National Lottery Reaching Communities England for the development of our community work; the agreed impact statements and outcomes for this project again reveal the impressive extent to which we were able to benefit the community in 2025:

- 100 people will benefit from easy access to community activities and events such as meals, mental and physical wellbeing classes and more, thus easing the burden of poverty and social isolation, which in turn improves mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence and self-esteem, as a result of attending the Trust’s Community activities

367 people attended Trust activities (for a total of 2500 times)

- 100 people will benefit from access to community activities and events designed specifically to improve knowledge of conservation and our impact on the environment, which will improve their mental wellbeing, physical health and the local community as a result of accessing the Trust’s Community environmental education programme

83 people attended Trust environmental education programme events

- 50 people will benefit from improved mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence, self-esteem and learn new life and employability skills, empowering them to be independent as a result of attending the Trust’s Community courses

184 people attended Trust courses

- 200 people will benefit from support for themselves and their families, in times of need, resulting in improved financial and mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence and self-esteem, as a result of accessing the Trust’s Community support

316 people were supported by the Trust (for a total of 562 times)

All staff again demonstrated considerable commitment to updating and improving their skills and knowledge: training in First Aid, mental health first aid, digital marketing, sexual harassment and self-harm awareness was undertaken. We again held staff planning/preparation/training periods in both January and September.

Staff continued to develop and maintain links with a wide range of outside agencies and other charitable groups with whom they work in partnership: Cumbria Youth Alliance, Furness Youth Partnership Network and Community Prosperity Partnership are key examples of these.

Our General Manager Cheryl led regular staff meetings, one to one sessions with staff and twice yearly PPT weeks. Under her leadership, we have continued to make improvements to our ageing building, most notably a completely renovated kitchen, new front door, and new LED lighting, new chairs and new entertainment system in the main hall; the B&Q Community Days scheme provided both materials and labour for the revamp of our youth room. We retained the top Grade 5 in our Environmental Health Kitchen Inspection. We have attended local funding and volunteer fairs, met with the local MP and councillor and played an active role in the Furness Community Network. For the first time, we have received income from electricity exported to the grid from our solar panels. Also for the first time, we have three-year plans in place for both our community and youth work. We have regularly updated our website. We met with a team of executives from James Fisher & Sons PLC, after which we were delighted to learn that they have chosen us as a charity with whom they will work more closely in 2026. At the end of the year, we were excited to learn of our success in Stage 1 of the funding application process with Barrow Rising, with a final outcome expected early in the new year; this could offer transformational funding for the future of the Trust.

The Trustees themselves were active throughout the year, meeting formally on six occasions. We approved and introduced new policies for Environment & Sustainability and Reporting Serious Incidents and added sections on Pricing, Gifts and Hospitality to our Finance & Risk Management Policy; the latter were gaps identified through our work on the Charity Commission's "*Good practice in financial management*" checklist. We maintained our rolling programme, by which key policies are reviewed formally annually and others biennially. We maintained a Safeguarding group comprising two Trustees and staff Designated Safeguarding Leads, meeting formally six times per year and reporting to the Trustee body. Our Finance & Risk Management Group met monthly, submitting minutes to the full Trustee body.

Trustees continued to work on the following strategic objectives:

- *Strengthen financial sustainability to maintain and grow capacity*
- *Build a team and team structure appropriate to the current and future ambition*
- *Deliver an appropriate and sustainable building solution*
- *Identify and quantify unmet needs on Walney*

Work on these strategic objectives has slipped as more urgent, day-to-day matters have demanded the attention of Trustees; it is intended that greater focus will be given to these in 2026.

We again spent time, supported by the local MP, trying to communicate with the owner of the adjacent pieces of land, in order to effect necessary repairs to a boundary wall. We completed the process of transferring ownership of the premises from the Trustee body to the Charity Commission's Custodian Scheme.

Two new Trustees, Sue Phipps and Samantha Taylor joined us at the start of the year; the position of Deputy Chair remains unfilled.

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage those risks.

As ever, a major focus of our work is the on-going efforts to secure funding to enable us to maintain and further develop our activities. We continue to be extremely grateful to the organisations without whose financial support we would not be able to exist, particularly those who have faithfully funded us for many years. These organisations are shown on our website at www.walneycommunitytrust.org .

Walney Community Trust

Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2025

Walney Community Trust
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended
31 December 2025

	2025	2024
Income		
Grants	136,057	43,335
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC North East & Cumbria Region	32,921	15,967
Room hire	1,205	4,270
Youth Club	5,908	3,604
Community Door	1,405	804
Donations	100	125
Refunds received	209	203
Other income	<u>2,075</u>	<u>1,646</u>
	179,880	69,954
Expenses		
Wages and NIC	112,050	91,667
Training	214	2,728
Travel expenses	-	55
Systems and Safety Checks	135	1,821
Professional Fees	1,365	240
Payroll Expenses	1,586	1,264
Building repairs and maintenance	346	11,206
Cleaning expenses	3,241	2,917
Utilities	2,700	1,295
DBS checks	292	376
New equipment	45	186
Telephone and Internet Charges	633	700
Licences and subscriptions	1,091	1,025
Advertising	60	-
Sundry expenses	22	112
Insurance	2,485	2,283
Printing stationery and advertising	523	703
Community Project expenses	6,522	9,471
Youth Project expenses	2,373	1,917
WCT - Project expenses	26,675	-
CCF Project expenses	-	225
Capital projects	5,081	5,760
Depreciation	<u>1,868</u>	<u>844</u>
	<u>169,308</u>	<u>136,795</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u><u>10,573</u></u>	<u><u>(66,841)</u></u>

I have examined the books and records of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025 and the above Income and Expenditure Account is in agreement with the books, records, and explanations supplied to me.

J Kelly
MAAT, ACCA
11 March 2026

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Balance Sheet

As at

31 December 2025

		2025	2024
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	<u>90,918</u>	<u>87,846</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Restricted			
Grant Fund Wages		55,048	58,383
Walney Development Fund		5,549	7,426
Unrestricted			
Current Account		3,856	1,670
Designated			
Redundancy Fund		17,749	17,749
Job Development Fund		4,628	3,678
Building/Contingency Fund		2,531	4,866
BWECT Baywind		-	528
Equipment		1,118	1,485
FCN		4,151	-
James Fisher		5,000	-
Co-op Youth Account		13,220	9,564
		<u>203,770</u>	<u>193,197</u>
Capital Account			
Reserves brought forward		113,197	180,038
Revaluation reserve	3	80,000	80,000
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Period Ended
31 December 2025

NOTE 1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Property is valued at current market value.

Historically Plant & Equipment has been charged to the Income and Expenditure account. These historic assets have been introduced to Tangible Assets in the current period at their carrying value.

Plant & Equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Plant and Equipment	25% on the reducing balance
Property	Not Depreciated

NOTE 2 Tangible Assets

	Property	Plant & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2025	80,000	9,961	89,961
Revaluations	-	-	-
Additions		4,939	4,939
As at 31 December 2025	<u>80,000</u>	<u>14,900</u>	<u>94,900</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2025	-	2,114	2,114
Charge for the year	-	1,868	1,868
As at 31 December 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>3,982</u>	<u>3,982</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 1 January 2025	<u>80,000</u>	<u>7,846</u>	<u>87,846</u>
As at 31 December 2025	<u>80,000</u>	<u>10,918</u>	<u>90,918</u>

NOTE 3 Reserves

	Revaluation Reserve £
As at 1 January 2025	80,000
As at 31 December 2025	80,000

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Capital Account

Reserves brought forward	113,197	180,038	Revaluation reserve 3 80,000 80,000	Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>10,573 (66,841)</u>
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**Revaluation
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