

OLD HEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Charity registration number 1135547

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2025.

Legal and Administrative information

Governing document

Constitution of the OLD HEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE adopted on 1st February 2010.

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the Charity are:

PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF OLD HEATH, COLCHESTER, ESSEX AND OTHERS IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD. (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE AREA OF BENEFIT) WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS 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 AND BY SUPPORTING OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS;
(B) TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS

Specific investment powers

In furtherance of the said objects, but not otherwise, the charity shall have power to invest money not immediately required for its objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as the charity may think fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed by law.

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Registered Office

Old Heath Community Centre, D`Arcy Road, Colchester, C02 8BB

Contact Office: Father Richard Tillbrook, The Vicarage, 13 Abbots Road, Colchester, C02 8BE

Charity number

1135547

Professional advisers

- **Bankers:**

HSBC. North Station Road, Colchester

- **Accountancy services:**

Community 360, Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester.

- **Independent examiner:**

Community 360, Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester.

Trustees and Governance

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Fr. Richard Tillbrook

Zoe Frost

Mary Blandon

Name of person entitled to appoint any charity trustee:

All trustees

Trustee selection method

- Recommendation
- Interview
- Discuss & vote
- Statement & declaration
- Induction

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Chairs Report

Our income is gradually recovering from previous drops in finances. As I mentioned last year, the hall is 20 years old and will no doubt soon need updating in terms of decoration and even maybe some structural repairs. We are still enjoying a reasonably steady rate of hiring, which is encouraging.

The hall is protected by an alarm system and a Fire Alarm system both of which are regularly checked and serviced. Maintenance of a general nature is carried out by our Caretaker and cleaning etc takes place once or twice a week. All the lighting fittings have been tested or upgraded in the past 6 months. Toilet, heating and kitchen facilities are in good order. We plan a complete re-painting of the main hall this year.

We experienced a worrying drain on our finances when we were being seriously overcharged for electricity, this seems to have been rectified now.

Regular activities have included: - A community church meeting on Fridays and Sundays. Education sessions, Exercise classes, Dance Groups and Martial Arts the Hall is Managed by Trustees and administered by the Community Halls in Partnership. All income from the use of the hall is used for the maintenance of the hall and for charitable community projects.

As can be seen from the accounts, like everyone else we have suffered from the increase in energy charges (Mentioned above) We have been supported by grants and hiring has continued steadily. Despite the worries of the year, we have maintained a generally good financial base. We are content that the hall is an essential facility of great benefit to the community. I am especially grateful to the Community Halls in Partnership staff for their hard work in dealing with hiring and administration.

2. Activities and Achievements

Public Benefit

In planning and organising our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidelines for public benefit. Our focus remains to provide low cost or free recreational, healthy and educational activities for our community.

We offer low cost hiring space to all of our residents, volunteers and to local charities, whilst at the same time, ensuring the future financial sustainability of the Community Centre.

3. Financial information

Income

Income is from room hire, events and projects.

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4. Reserves Policy

The Charity holds reserves so that it can maintain services to its beneficiaries during periods of economic uncertainty and unforeseen expenditure. It is custom and practice for the Charity to ensure a surplus from its operating activities to fund future improvements and renovations to the community centre to ensure that the Charity has a robust financial future.

The Reserves Policy for the Charity should be equal to at least 6 months of the general charitable expenditure. This would continue to provide the Charity with working capital should a serious threat to the economy affect the Charity's income flow.

Old Heath Community Centre requires an adequate level of reserves to:

1. Meet all legal, financial, health and safety requirements and obligations of the Association.
2. Enable the centre to implement its short and long term objectives and outcomes.
3. To cover annual inflationary costs, salary increments and pensions.

Meet the Charities Commission recommended good practice of having a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 3 years running costs as financial reserves.

5. Plans for Future Periods

Our plans going forward are to:

- Continue to increase the use of the hall for local residents.
- Recruit new trustees to the board
- Redecorate the hall and external area of the centre.
- Source new utility suppliers and look at ways to reduce our energy cost.

6. Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage those risks. These risks include:

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| a) | Operational Risk |
| b) | Financial Risk |
| c) | Governance Risk |
| d) | External factors such as public opinion or relationship with funders |
| e) | Compliance with law or regulation |

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Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:

- the trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Tillbrook', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Father Richard Tillbrook
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

I report on the accounts of Old Heath Community Centre for the year ended 30th April 2025 which are set out on pages seven to nine.

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 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but 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 Commissioners (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 the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

I 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360, Winsley's House
High Street, Colchester, Essex



Date 18/02/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Receipts				
Hall hire	26,223	-	26,223	19,788
Bank interest	145	-	145	104
Total receipts	26,368	-	26,368	19,892
Payments				
Fixtures & fittings	-	-	-	-
Management fees	4,702	-	4,702	3,377
Repairs and maintenance	1,614	-	1,614	566
Cleaning	1,688	-	1,688	1,945
Insurance	1,195	-	1,195	1,252
Legal and professional	374	-	374	1,003
Utilities	22,194	-	22,194	545
Rates/water	444	-	444	451
Miscellaneous	404	-	404	1,608
Caretaker	2,939	-	2,939	2,481
Total payments	35,554	-	35,554	13,228
Net of receipts/(payments)	(9,186)	-	(9,186)	6,664
 Cash funds as at 1 May 2024	 80,963	 608	 81,571	 74,907
Cash funds as at 30 April 2025	71,777	608	72,385	81,571

Notes on page 9 form part of these accounts

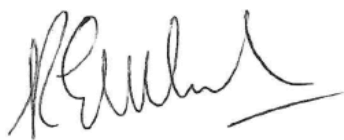
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Monetary assets</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand:	72,385	81,571
Total monetary assets	72,385	81,571
<u>Represented by funds</u>		
Unrestricted fund	71,777	80,963
Restricted fund	608	608
Total funds	72,385	81,571
<u>Non monetary assets and liabilities</u>		
Debtors due within one year	(4,081)	(3,300)
Creditors due within one year:		
Professional fees	220	220

These accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by :

Signed:



Date: 17/02/2026

Father Richard Tillbrook

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1. Basis of the preparation of the accounts

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and applicable accounting standards.

Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included on a receivable basis i.e. they are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

2. No remuneration was paid to any Trustee, or any person known to be connected with them.

3. In the financial year, the charity had two (2024: nil) employees during the period.

4. Going Concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the reserves are deemed to be sufficient to continue operating.