

THE LEATHERHEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Company Number 07608015

Charity Number 1142164



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered name	The Leatherhead Community Association
Registered number	07608015
Charity registration number	1142164
Registered Office and Operational Address	Leatherhead Institute 67 High Street Leatherhead KT22 8AH

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

The Directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its Trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are referred to collectively as the Trustees. The Trustees serving during the period and since the end of the period were as follows:

Mr S A Ritchie	Chairman
Mr D W Hanson	Treasurer
Mrs L J Coulton	(Retired July 2024)
Mr J Falkner	
Mrs F Fleming	(Retired July 2024)
Mrs I Gawne	
Mrs K Oakley	
Mrs M H Shiers	(Appointed July 2024)
Mrs J A Slater	

COMPANY SECRETARY	Mrs J A Slater
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COORDINATOR	Mrs M H Shiers
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ADMINISTRATOR	Mrs L M Ager
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Mr S P F Howell, FCCA TC Group The Granary Hones Yard 1 Waverley Lane Farnham GU9 8BB
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PRINCIPAL BANKERS	HSBC Bank PLC
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The Trustees present their report and examined accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The reference and administrative information set out above forms part of this report.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the charities Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; FRS 102) issued in October 2019.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION, OBJECTS, AIMS AND POLICIES

Governing Document

The Association is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity. It is governed by its Articles of Association, which were registered with Companies House at its incorporation on 18 April 2011 and registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2011. The company was dormant until 1 July 2011 when it took over the assets and activities of an unincorporated charity with the same name, charity number 277404.

Constitution

In accordance with its Articles the purpose of the Association shall be:

- a. to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the town of Leatherhead and its surrounding districts (defined as the area of authority of the Mole Valley District Council or any successor body, together with any other area within 6 miles of the charity's registered office and hereinafter called the "area of benefit") without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory 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 object of improving the conditions in life for the said inhabitants;
- b. to establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the Objects;
- c. to promote such other charitable purposes within the area of benefit as may from time to time be determined.

The Association shall be non-partisan in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

Aims and Policies

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives. In particular, the Trustees have considered how planned activities will contribute to the charitable aims of the Association as follows:

Hiring rooms to over 70 organisations, for educational, recreational and social activities.

Organising events and activities including London Walks, Visits to Properties, Gardens, Museums, Galleries and Concerts.

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Aims and Policies *(continued)*

Providing Art Lectures, General Interest Lectures, Coffee Mornings, Indoor Games, Walks in the Surrey Area, Music Appreciation, Book Club and Guitar Lessons, Knitting and Crocheting for Charity and Sewing. There is a well-stocked free lending library, with a range of jigsaw puzzles, also available free of charge.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Leatherhead Community Association warmly welcomes members, members' groups, recreational and social hirers, together with all business hirers into the institute and continues to offer good facilities at the heart of Leatherhead Town Centre.

Our Annual Report covers the considerable contribution made jointly by the Trustees, Administrator, Coordinator and Volunteer Members to fulfil our charitable objects throughout the year.

Fran Fleming stood down as Chairman at the AGM in July 2024 and Simon Ritchie was elected to replace her.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone in the town of Leatherhead and its surrounding districts. This year there were 407 individual members.

We are always looking for new members and visitors to the Institute are encouraged to join the Association.

DEVELOPMENT, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Letherhead Institute was given to the residents of Leatherhead by Abraham Dixon in 1892 for social, leisure and educational purposes. It is in the care of a registered charity – The Letherhead Institute, Charity Number 1185057.

The LCA Trustees work with the Trustees of the Institute building to fulfil the charitable objects of both organisations, which derive directly from the terms of the original gift by Abraham Dixon, made with no endowment or provision for maintenance. The Association contributes towards the cost of any appropriate capital expenditure as it arises, focussing always on improving the experience of members, hirers and visitors alike.

To deliver the charitable objects of the charities, the Association has leased from the Letherhead Institute ten rooms, two kitchens and ten parking spaces for a ten-year term from 17 May 2017, with a break clause after five years, at an annual rent of £15,000. At the five-year review in 2022 the LI and the LCA agreed to a rolling twelve-month break clause. The Association makes a substantial contribution towards the costs of building maintenance, insurance, caretaking and cleaning. A designated fund of £10,000 was established to cover refurbishments and maintenance required under the terms of the lease. As reported below a further £9,000 was designated during the past year for electrical improvements in the building.

The Institute is in a conservation area and our aim is to maximise the appearance and facilities for members and hirers, whilst maintaining the integrity and character of the outstanding Victorian building.

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ADMINISTRATOR: Luisa Ager

Louisa's remit includes the hiring of our leased rooms, dealing with all invoicing, together with organising requested set-up arrangements and any subsequent queries or concerns raised by hirers. Luisa also organises the electronic noticeboard, the inventory, use of the car park spaces leased to the LCA and maintains a good working relationship with the Institute Caretaker, for whom the LCA pays 70% of his salary, in line with the percentage of the building's rooms which it uses.

COORDINATOR: Amy Rieley/Meredith Shiers

The remit as Office Manager is wide-ranging, overseeing all areas of the day to day running of the LCA's portfolio at the Institute. They are solely responsible for the arrangements for membership renewal in March of each year and for the compiling, editing and publication of the LCA Newsletter, which is circulated three times a year. They support the volunteers at the Institute as they plan their various events and control the bookings and advertising for visits, events and lectures. The Coordinator is part of the Management Team to ensure good contact between the office and the Trustees.

Amy Rieley had to give up the post of Coordinator during the year due to family commitments. She still lives in Leatherhead and maintains a valuable relationship with the Association.

Meredith Shiers has taken on the post and has made good progress in getting to grips with the many tasks that the role involves.

Meredith and Luisa work well together. They jointly cover the numerous queries and concerns raised by members and visitors to the building and are competent in covering the other's role should the need arise.

REFURBISHMENT AND FACILITIES

The Institute Trustees continue to update the building with the steady replacement of the large windows of this Victorian building and the repair of the surrounding stonework.

The Coordinator reviews the rooms leased by the Association on a regular basis and reports to the Trustees as updating is required. Improvements have been made to the audio system in the Abraham Dixon Hall and there was significant expenditure on new carpets and chairs.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees regularly consider the major risks to which the charity is exposed, including those related to operational and financial matters and health and safety. Trustees together with the Administrator and Coordinator are encouraged to attend appropriate training courses as necessary.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 requires charity trustees to comply with their duty to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties. As Trustees we are mindful of this obligation and have referred to the guidance when reviewing our aims, objectives and policies, and in plans for the future of the Association.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

External and Partnership Meetings: The Association is not a political nor lobbying organisation, however, we continue to inform members of local issues when brought to our attention, on which they may wish to take a view. The Chairman or a designated Trustee will attend meetings of other community organisations when invited.

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION

Website

The website www.leatherheadca.org.uk is updated regularly for members and the general public. The links directing potential hirers to information on the facilities we have to offer are straightforward and clear. Well-defined links to Upcoming Events, Activity Groups and the latest Newsletter are simple to use.

High Street Notice Board

Attractive posters advertise events planned by the Association. Contact details for the office are clearly displayed. An internal noticeboard advertises the Association's events and those of the groups which hire our rooms.

Newsletters and Mailchimp messages

The Newsletter is delivered electronically via Mailchimp, three times a year to a large percentage of our membership. The Trustees took the decision to change the method of distribution due to the sizeable increase in the cost of postage in recent years. Those members not on email receive a hard copy hand delivered or via collection from the office.

Mailchimp messages are sent regularly to members by the Coordinator, reminding them of forthcoming events and advising of recently added outings and activities.

ACTIVITIES

The Association organises a wide range of events and activities, notified to members via the Newsletter. News of late additions are circulated by Mailchimp, all supported by posters on the inside and outside notice boards. Activities are organised by our invaluable volunteer members and their contribution and support is immeasurable.

As our volunteers retire, having given tremendous support over many years, the challenge of finding members willing to replace them is difficult.

Music Appreciation: Diana Carr, former Trustee and long serving volunteer oversaw this group. Members took it in turn to present a programme of mainly classical music with the Hi-Fi equipment operated by volunteer David Bishop. David had to give up organising the group due to illness and unless a volunteer steps up, this activity will no longer take place.

Book Club: Organised by Kathy Bucknall, the group meets on a monthly basis in the Kirby Room to discuss a book chosen in turn by each member of the club and discussed in detail at the following meeting.

Visits Programme: The Chairman: Fran Fleming, Member of the Trustee Board: Irene Gawne and Volunteer Member: Janet Stokoe arranged a programme of visits during the year incorporating independent and coach travel which included: Fire and Iron Gallery (Leatherhead's iron foundry and art gallery), West Horsley Place (known as a film and TV location including the BBC comedy series *Ghosts*, the Regent's Canal, the Thames Southbank and the Spike (Guildford's workhouse).

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Visits Programme (continued): Coach trips visited Shoreham Airport, Eastbourne, to see the musical Sister Act, Fishbourne Roman Palace and Chatham Dockyard. These were organised by Janet Stokoe, who has since retired from the role. We are looking for another volunteer to organise coach trips.

Art History Lectures with a Difference: Dorothy Stapleton and Vivien Pepino organised lectures by Art History experts in the autumn, winter and spring. The series is very popular and was extended by popular demand. Subjects included Van Gogh, Georgia O'Keefe, Barbara Hepworth, 'Vienna: Sex, Death and Design' and 'Skandi Design and IKEA'.

Friday Talks: During the period April to September Fran Fleming arranged a variety of talks on topics including: Crystal Palace, Pollinating Insects, Maria Bronte and 'Victorian Lady Poisoners'.

Films: Last year our Company Secretary, Joanna Slater, obtained a grant from Mole Valley District Council enabling us to offer three films free to members and the general public. This was a great success and we decided to continue the programme using our own funds. Leatherhead is a prosperous town but there are also areas of great poverty. The film shows provide free entertainment, a warm space and some sugary treats to families who can ill afford the commercial alternatives. Meredith Shiers organised the films as a volunteer and has continued to do so after becoming our Coordinator.

Classical Guitar: Terry Parfett offers informal and friendly sessions of learning how to play the guitar.

Walks Programme: The programme of walks arranged by Peter Humphreys and his team continues to be well supported by members with a choice of short walks lasting less than two hours or longer walks, normally incorporating a lunch stop. Non-members are welcome to all walks, the first being free, followed by a charge of £3 for each subsequent walk. Local beauty spots visited this year included Abinger Roughts, Ripley, Pyrford, Sheepleas, Holmwood Common, Box Hill, Banstead Heath and Bocketts Farm.

Saturday Coffee Mornings: Hosted by volunteer Hilary Porter, the Kirby Room is open to everyone for tea and coffee on the first Saturday of each month.

Indoor Games: Dave Lamb, former trustee and long serving volunteer, ensures the Tuesday table tennis afternoon is enjoyed by those members attending.

Knitting and Crocheting for Charity: An enthusiastic group organised by Fran Fleming meets once a month producing items which are distributed to hospital, homeless and cancer charities where they are gratefully received.

Sewing Group: Members meet weekly to work on their projects and support each other with any challenges.

Music at the Institute: Our Chairman, Simon Ritchie, has been working on a short series of live concerts by professional musicians to be held in the Abraham Dixon Hall, taking valuable advice from Peter Steadman of the Leatherhead Concert and Arts Society. The first series will run early in the new financial year.

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Audio Visual: For all these talks and more besides we are fortunate to have been assisted by volunteer Martin Hogg and his team. We are indebted to Martin for updating and organising clear instructions for our AV system and covering talks and events when requested. This year Martin also organised the replacement of various components in the sound system that were failing and investigated and resolved a problem with the wall heaters in the Abraham Dixon Hall.

The central recording unit of the closed circuit TV (CCTV) system developed a problem and the system was out of action for a few weeks. Fortunately our Chairman was able to find a suitable replacement and the system is working again.

Concerts: Eight visits have been arranged by Treasurer, David Hanson. For ease of travel the Royal Festival Hall continues to be the favoured London venue with composers ranging through Beethoven, Elgar, Haydn, Mozart, Rachmaninov, Schubert, Tchaikovsky and more. For three of the visits we enjoyed local concerts given by the talented pupils of the Yehudi Menuhin School, including a performance of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

Christmas Events: A Christmas Candle Workshop, two Christmas films (see above) and a talk, 'Unwrapping Christmas', were enjoyed by members and friends. One of our hirers ran their regular event, 'Santa's Sitting Room'.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Heritage Open Days take place every September. This year Roger Mendham gave an excellent talk, 'M25: Friend or Foe', supported by the Kirby Bequest. Our Chairman, Simon Ritchie gave a talk entitled 'Where Am I?' on accurate GPS systems. A number of our regular hirers also put on classes and exhibitions.

In September Amy Rieley, assisted by members, hosted a MacMillan Coffee Morning, open to all, which was well supported.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Institute is a busy and lively centre. The Newsletter is full of events for members to join in, if they wish, and the variety on offer has been widely complimented. The office provides an excellent service to our hirers and members. The Trustees strive to continue the legacy of Abraham Dixon to provide social, educational and recreational opportunities.

Hire Activity: There has been an increase in hire activity during the year with new hirers enjoying the support offered by the office team. These organisations, between them, make a rich contribution to the delivery of our charitable objects of promoting education, social welfare and recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Leatherhead and surrounding districts.

These include Art Groups, bridge groups, the Leatherhead Orchestra and the Leatherhead History Society. Support services, including the Mary Frances Trust, Achieve Together, Barnardo's, the NCT, two 1-to-1 Counsellors, YMCA, Autism support in the workplace and Citizens Advice Drop In, regularly hire rooms. We also host groups including Children's Dance, Sing and Sign encouraging baby's communication, Pilates and Keep Fit. Church Groups and Community Interest Groups also use the accommodation. As mentioned above, Santa returned once again to his Sitting Room in December and had a very busy time meeting the children of the district.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The accounts for the year show a strong financial outcome driven by continued good results from room hirings, by great support from members for our social activities, by a switch in bank deposit arrangements, which improved interest earnings and very specially by a bequest of £10,350 from a former member.

Our total hiring income of £130,514 showed an increase of 4%, which reflects the modest increase in charges in September 2024, with the usage of our rooms broadly unchanged.

Our membership participated with great enthusiasm in an increased range of activities and events, such that these contributed over £7,000 to the year's surplus. As noted at several points in this report, these activities are largely run by volunteers, whose contribution, supported by the office team, is invaluable.

The switch in our bank deposit from Metro Bank to United Trust Bank led to an increase of over £2,000 in our interest receipts.

On the expenditure front we were spared further rises in our utility costs and a small reduction in insurance costs was also welcome. However, our share of the repair and maintenance costs of the Institute building rose by nearly £7,000. Significant sums were spent on a new carpet in the most-used ground floor room and on new chairs.

During the year we set aside £9,000 from previous surpluses to carry out important work on the electrical circuit boards in the building, on health and safety grounds and also to provide a secure foundation for future improvements such as a further move to LED lighting. £3,900 was spent during the year with the remainder of the work being undertaken in the current year.

The latest surplus and the strong financial position at year end provide the scope to embark on further improvements to our facilities, in particular the refurbishment of the downstairs kitchen.

At the start of our new financial year there is uncertainty around the precise impact of various changes announced in the budget of October 2024. We are not directly affected by the increase in the National Minimum Wage, nor in Employers' National Insurance contributions, by reason of paying more than the former and being below the threshold for the latter. It is the indirect impact which is a concern; for example our cleaning costs are rising by 10% and our Business Rates by 140% (most fortunately the 'hit' from the latter is softened by the 80% discount that comes from our charitable status).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Trustees have power to make investments within the terms set out in the Association's Articles. In accordance with the policy set by the Trustees, the Association held no investments during the period covered by this report, retaining its liquid reserves in cash.

By further decision of the Trustees a low risk policy aimed at protecting its assets is applied in determining where the cash balances are held. One element of this policy is that the amount deposited with any bank or building society should not exceed the maximum sum covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, £85,000 from 30 January 2017. Details of the cash balances held at 31 March 2025 are set out in Note 14.

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THE FUTURE

Membership Renewals due on 31 March started encouragingly and have continued in the same vein.

The Newsletter published in mid-April showed a full programme of Events.

We continue to have a good working relationship with the Leatherhead Institute Trustees, essential to the smooth running of the building.

Our focus is to recruit more volunteers and widen the age of our member base – we need more younger members. A few more longstanding helpers have taken the decision to retire. Some new helpers have joined us recently and we welcome their contribution to the life of the LCA.

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RESERVES POLICY

Council considers the level of unrestricted funds that it holds on an on-going basis, alongside its Risk Management Policy. At 31 March 2025, the Association held £154,384 of unrestricted funds, after deducting the following:

- 1 £11,148 of Designated Funds that the Trustees have voted to be set aside for the following particular purposes:

Joan Kirby Bequest	£1,041
Institute Dilapidations Fund	£10,107

- 2 £4,860 of net Fixed Assets which are central to the Association's running of the Community Centre.

Currently the Association considers the level of unrestricted funds to be held for the following purposes:

	IDENTIFIED EMERGENCY COVER		
1	Departure of a major hirer	£15,000	
2	Temporary loss of premises - 6 months loss of hirings income - in the event of a fire, etc.	£60,000	
3	Relocation costs due to permanent loss of premises	£40,000	
4	Paid Officers-temporary cost of replacing current honorary officers with remunerated posts	£25,000	
	TOTAL		£140,000

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Leatherhead Community Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting practices and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charitable company's Examiner is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

At the Annual General Meeting to be held on 4 July 2025 a resolution will be proposed to appoint Mr S P F Howell of TC Group, The Granary, Hones Yard, 1 Waverley Lane, Farnham, GU9 8BB as Independent Examiner for the year ending 31 March 2026.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Mr Simon Ritchie
Chairman
9 June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE LEATHERHEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
A CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 22.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and 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.

Signed.....

Date.....12/06/2025

Mr S P F Howell, FCCA

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		Unrestricted Funds	2025 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2024 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
INCOME from					
Legacy, Donations, and Subscriptions	2	14,234	-	14,234	3,709
Charitable Activities	3	137,735	-	137,735	131,201
Investments	4	6,091	-	6,091	3,612
TOTAL INCOME		<u>158,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,060</u>	<u>138,522</u>
EXPENDITURE on					
Raising funds	5	(1,197)	-	(1,197)	(968)
Charitable activities	6	(139,051)	-	(139,051)	(126,814)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>(140,248)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(140,248)</u>	<u>(127,782)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9	17,812	-	17,812	10,740
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		152,580	-	152,580	141,840
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>170,392</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,392</u>	<u>152,580</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the period and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	4,860	2,109
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	14,730	11,993
Cash at bank and in hand	14	168,686	162,065
		<u>183,416</u>	<u>174,058</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(17,884)</u>	<u>(23,587)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		165,532	150,471
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>170,392</u>	<u>152,580</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>170,392</u></u>	<u><u>152,580</u></u>
FUNDS			
Restricted Fund	17	-	-
Unrestricted Funds	16		
General	16	159,244	146,387
Designated	16	11,148	6,193
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>170,392</u></u>	<u><u>152,580</u></u>

For the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

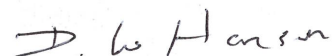
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476;
- The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies' regime.

They were approved by the Trustees on the 9th June 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr S A Ritchie
Chairman
Company Registration No. 07608015



Mr D W Hanson
Director

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The Leatherhead Community Association is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. In the event of winding up, each member may be required to contribute an amount, not exceeding £10, towards the settlement of the company's liabilities. The registered office is Letherhead Institute, 67 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8AH.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £.

The Leatherhead Community Association meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Tangible Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. They are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost more than £250.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful economic life of that asset as follows: Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment - 25% straight line.

Income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when

- The charity becomes entitled to the resource;
- It is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resource;
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Members' subscriptions paid in advance are deferred to the relevant year. Income received in advance of an event is similarly deferred until the event date.

Gift Aid is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor and any Gift Aid recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift.

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' Report.

Income from interest is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

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Expenditure and Liabilities

Expenditure is recognised in the year in which it is incurred. Payments made in advance of social events, for example advance payments for concert tickets, are deferred until the date of the event.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of twelve months or less.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Taxation

The charitable company is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK tax purposes.

Fund accounting

- General funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees at their discretion for a specific purpose.
- Restricted funds are monies given to the charity for a purpose specified by the donor(s).

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2. INCOME FROM LEGACY, DONATIONS, AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Legacy	10,350	-
Donations	102	94
Members' subscriptions	3,233	3,070
Gift Aid	549	545
	<u>14,234</u>	<u>3,709</u>

All the income from these sources in both years was unrestricted.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Community Centre Room Hirings	124,065	119,600
Community Centre Parking Fees	6,449	6,226
Social Events and Outings	7,221	5,375
	<u>137,735</u>	<u>131,201</u>

All income from charitable activities in both years was unrestricted.

4. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	6,091	3,612

5. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Membership expenses – newsletters and publicity	1,197	968

6. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Community centre expenditure (see Note 7)	137,068	119,795
Grant for building improvement	-	5,000
Governance Costs	1,983	2,019
	<u>139,051</u>	<u>126,814</u>

All expenditure on charitable activities in both years was unrestricted.

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7. COMMUNITY CENTRE EXPENDITURE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salary and wages	34,156	33,732
Rent and rates	16,229	16,252
Licences	250	511
Insurance	7,488	7,683
Light and heat	14,328	14,697
Cleaning	20,736	17,399
Caretaker	16,832	14,084
Repairs and maintenance	14,971	6,977
Telephone	238	172
Printing, postage and stationery	461	501
Computer costs	2,519	2,472
General expenses	361	352
Payroll expenses	180	180
Sundry equipment	1,427	600
Depreciation of fixtures, fitting and equipment	2,692	1,406
Refurbishment fund expended	3,900	870
Joan Kirby bequest expended	300	1,490
Staff training	-	417
	<u>137,068</u>	<u>119,795</u>

8. GOVERNANCE EXPENDITURE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examination Fee	1,920	1,956
Companies House Fee	13	13
Subscriptions	50	50
	<u>1,983</u>	<u>2,019</u>

9. NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	2,692	1,406
Independent Examination Fee	1,920	1,956
Accountancy and Payroll Services	180	180
	<u>4,792</u>	<u>3,542</u>

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10. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Total staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	34,156	33,732
Social security costs #	-	-
	<u>34,156</u>	<u>33,732</u>

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Number of administrative staff	2	2

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2024 - Nil).

The National Insurance Contributions Employment Allowance reduces Employers' National Insurance Contributions by up to £5,000 for each tax year. For the Association this allowance offset the whole of the NIC charge in this year and the previous year.

11. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

Mrs M Shiers, a trustee (2024 – nil), received remuneration from The Leatherhead Community Association totalling £3,982 (2024 – nil) during the year. Pensions contributions were made totalling £73 (2024 – nil). This is allowed by the Governing Document as they undertake the Coordinators role, alongside being a Trustee.

Amounts totalling £715 (2024 - £1,324) were reimbursed to one Trustee (2024 – two Trustees) for expenses in relation to postage, entertainment, travel and stationery paid by them on behalf of the Association.

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2024	96,696
Disposals	(2,844)
Additions	5,443
At 31 March 2025	<u>99,295</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	94,587
On Disposals	(2,844)
Charge for the period	2,692
At 31 March 2025	<u>94,435</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,860</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,109</u>

13. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	3,529	3,063
Prepayments and accrued income	11,201	8,930
	<u>14,730</u>	<u>11,993</u>

14. CASH AT BANK

	2025 £	2024 £
Cambridge & Counties Bank (95 Day notice account @ 3.977%)	85,000	70,000
United Trust Bank (40 Day notice account @ 3.95%)	70,000	-
Metro Bank	-	80,481
HSBC current account	13,686	11,584
	<u>168,686</u>	<u>162,085</u>

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	17,884	23,587

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16. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS – Current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Institute Dilapidations Fund	4,885	9,122	(3,900)	10,107
Joan Kirby Legacy Fund	1,308	33	(300)	1,041
General Fund	146,387	148,905	(136,048)	159,244
	<u>152,580</u>	<u>158,060</u>	<u>(140,248)</u>	<u>170,392</u>

UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS – Previous year

	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Institute Dilapidations Fund	5,642	113	(870)	4,885
Joan Kirby Legacy Fund	2,754	44	(1,490)	1,308
General Fund	133,444	138,365	(125,422)	146,387
	<u>141,840</u>	<u>138,522</u>	<u>(127,782)</u>	<u>152,580</u>

PURPOSE OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund used for the day to day running of the community centre and membership services.

The Dilapidations Fund is an unrestricted fund to be used to refurbish the community centre in accordance with the lease agreement. The Trustees decided to hold the sum of £10,000 in this fund at the start of the current lease in May 2017. During the year £9,000 was transferred to this Fund from the General Fund to cover the cost of significant electrical work. £3,900 had been spent by the year end.

The Joan Kirby legacy fund is an unrestricted fund, which is being held as a designated fund to support events in memory of the late Chairman.

17. RESTRICTED INCOME FUND

There is no restricted income for the current or the previous year.

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – Current year

	Tangible fixed assets £	Current assets £	Cash £	Current liabilities £	Total Net Assets £
Unrestricted Income Funds	4,860	14,730	168,686	(17,884)	170,392
Total Funds	4,860	14,730	168,686	(17,884)	170,392

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets £	Current assets £	Cash £	Current liabilities £	Total Net Assets £
Unrestricted Income Funds	2,109	11,993	162,065	(23,587)	152,580
Total Funds	2,109	11,993	162,065	(23,587)	152,580

19. INDEMNITY INSURANCE

The charity paid for the insurance premiums to indemnify Trustees from any loss arising from neglect or defaults of Trustees and any consequent loss.

20. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Association has a ten year lease from May 2017 at a rent of £15,000 per annum with inflation-linking every three years based on the Retail Prices Index. At the review dates in May 2020 and May 2023 there was no increase in the rent charged.

There is a break clause, exercisable at 12 months' notice.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, one trustee (2024 - nil) received remuneration from the charity (this is fully disclosed in Note 11).