NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1151292

Details

Other names	ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08391210
Registered	2013-03-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("OBJECTS") ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: 1) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE ABINGTON DISTRICT OF NORTHAMPTON WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, 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 OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS;2) 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;3) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.THE CHARITY SHALL BE NON-PARTY IN POLITICS AND NON-SECTARIAN IN RELIGION. THE AREA OF BENEFIT SHALL BE THE ABINGTON DISTRICT OF NORTHAMPTON.

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Activities: The Charity runs a Community Centre in the Abington Council Estate in the Headlands Parish of Northampton Town and West Northamptonshire Council's. The Centre is open as required. The users vary, but tend to be concentrated to the needs of the elderly. The centre has some directly managed activities, some activities run by Sections, and many activities run by regular and one-off hirers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£104,658	£96,970	-	-
2024-03-31	£85,243	£91,361	-	-
2023-03-31	£75,427	£92,638	-	-
2022-03-31	£69,540	£73,551	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,266	£46,841	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin Eric Featley		2025-06-02
MARTIN EDWARD JAMES BROWN		2020-03-11
Rebecca Smith		2022-05-24
TONY SKINNER		2013-03-14

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Company Number:	8391210
Registered Charity Number:	1151292
Board of Directors:	Mr A.R. Skinner – Financial Director Mr M.E.J. Brown Ms R. Smith Miss G.L. Lewis Chairperson resigned 25th March 2024 Ms M Burchart from 15th November 2024 to 7th Feb 25 Mr C.E. Featley from 2nd June 2025
Company Secretary:	Mr A. R. Skinner
Registered Office:	2 Wheatfield Road South Northampton NN3 2HH
Independent examiner:	Culpeck Hysom Ltd 10 Woodhall Close Northampton NN4 9UB
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank PLC PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Solicitors:	Tollers LLP 1, Waterside Way Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7XD

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in presenting this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The unincorporated organisation was originally formed in 1949 and operated in accordance with a constitution, which was last renewed on 14th January 1998.

The Incorporated Association of the same name which was formed as a Company limited by guarantee No 8391210 on 6th February 2013 registered in England and Wales at 2, Wheatfield Road South and registered as Charity No 1151292 on 19th March 2013 took over all the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Association with effect from 1st April 2013.

The Association's Board are the Charity Trustees. A list of the Trustee's/Directors and their positions and periods of service during the financial year appears on Page 1

Trustees are sought by nomination partly from the Associations sections (or groups) and affiliated organisations, partly from the users of the Centre and by invitation to suitable applicants to fills skill gaps. The board may co-opt directors subject to vacancies which are formally confirmed at subsequent AGM's.

Board Trustee meetings are normally held bi-monthly on-line, between meetings day-to-day decisions are delegated to the Manger or Officers, in particular the Chairperson or Secretary, but in general all major decisions are taken by the Board.

The reduced size of the Trustees/Board of Directors as it finds itself presents problems and potential risks, especially in terms of a business development plan for future security. Engaging the requisite skill set to come on to the Board to address the shortfall is a challenge common to many organisations of our size and intent. Succession planning is a real problem going forward, particularly in the respect of the Company Secretary/Financial Director/Trustee's long experience in completing the many and necessary Statutory requirements.

The Association has continued to manage Abington Community Centre, with help and guidance from the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council (WNC) the main related party and freehold owners of the building, in continuation with arrangements in force since the formation of the original Association in 1949.

As part of the terms of our Management Agreements and Lease it was a requirement that the Association become incorporated in some form, and it was decided to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company is responsible for the running of the Community Centre including all finance and maintenance of the inside of the building. The Council is responsible for the outside maintenance of the building.

Risk management considerations have so far been restricted to those that can be insured for; financially the Association would be covered for fire and theft etc. However, the loss of the building would be a serious problem to the Association should it ever occur, and it was for that reason that previous Officers and Members built up a substantial reserve of funds with the intention of investing those monies in new buildings when available. The lease provides for 30 years of security, but it is now already 13 years spent and there are conditions to be met in the Management Agreement to retain low rents, and thus ensuring effective financial viability.

In March 2020 a General Meeting was held to amend the Articles of Association of the Company in respect of Membership. Persons from outside the Area of Benefit (Abington) can no longer be members, (unless they are Board Members) and a new category of voting members for General Meetings was established for elected representatives of Centre Sections. The change was duly confirmed by the Companies Registrar and the Charities Commission

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Objects of the Association are to provide to the people of Abington and the neighbourhood in an all-inclusive way, with the help of local inhabitants and authorities and other organisations to maintain a welcoming place for activities of a social, educational or leisure time nature, and to improve their conditions of life. The Association provides rooms for activities to take place in. In some instances, the Association runs the activities itself, or via a Group of Members (a Section), or via Other Group or Individuals to use. It organises social activities and runs a catering facility (associated with users only).

The Association directly runs social events on an occasional basis. The Associations Groups (or Centre Sections) run a Monday Afternoon Art Group, a Monday Evening Camera Club, a Monday and Wednesday Evening Table Tennis Group, a Tuesday and Thursday Morning Tigers & Cubs Childminders term time Group, a Tuesday Lunchtime Over 50's Keep Fit Group, a Wednesday Afternoon Bowls Group, a Friday Morning Home Education Support Group and a term time Youth Group on a Friday early evening, all meeting weekly except as indicated and subject to differing out of season arrangements when some Groups do not meet.

The normal regular hirers include, Christ Apostolic Church was (New Testament Assembly) now (Hisway of Holiness) on a Sunday Morning, Christ Apostolic Church (International) also on a Sunday Morning, End Time Revival Ministries on Sunday Lunchtimes, Holy Ghost Zone-Youth Group on Sunday Afternoons, a Fellowship Cell Meeting also on Sunday Afternoons, then Mr Stoika's Romanian Church on Sunday Nights and also Thursday Nights, a House of Revelation Church Youth Group on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday Night, a Fashion & Textile Group meets on a Tuesday Afternoon (currently on maternity break). The Love Word Church, Higher Life Group holds a Prayer meeting on Tuesday nights, Affinity Dog Training on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, a Japanese Rope Art Class on one Tuesday and one Thursday Evenings per month an Animal Focused Term Time Group Wednesday and Friday Morning, a Karate Class through Paul Gannon on a Thursday Afternoon and Saturday Morning, a Living Well Diabetes Prevention Programme on Friday mornings, a Pilates class also on a Friday morning, a Mission for Christ Service on the 2nd Friday afternoon Milton Keynes Christian Fellowship on the 3rd Saturday Evening, Gethsemane Presbyterian Church Meet on occasional Saturday Evenings. Other bookings include CCOM on Sundays on an occasional basis, and also the occasional Dance Practice Training sessions for various organisations on a weekday including Genius Tuition in holiday periods and Fresh Start in Education have a considerable number of sessions during term times. In addition, Weddings, Birthday Parties, Baby Showers etc. take place on an individual basis throughout the year, mainly on Saturdays.
A lot of spare capacity does exist; however, with the arrival of new hirers, some blocks are now well filled particularly on Sunday's, and we are doing well in the morning sessions which were once our quieter times.

A part time Manager, Caretaker, Cleaner x2, Finance Assistant and Administrator are now employed, however much of the activities undertaken by the Association are of a voluntary nature. The Association needs to thank the many volunteers, including Trustees/Directors in other capacities, who by their efforts make a substantial but unquantifiable contribution to the running of the Association, much of the Associations success has been due to their efforts.

Section numbers have partly stabilized following a downhill trend with several deaths of section members, but the additions of some new Centre Groups/Sections have helped. The age profile is still heavily skewed to the retired age group that puts a strain on the organisation and is causing a potential problem with volunteers to keep the Centre going leading to the recruitment of our existing employees.

The Trustees have taken the decision that hires involving Alcohol will not normally be allowed.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The main achievement for the year is the continued survival of the Association; this year has seen the first true surplus for many years this has been achieved because of past use of some of our Reserves and because of the previous Government Grants given to cover costs during the Covid period.

The above nominal list of activities means that the Community Centre has a potentially healthy number of activities. This list has slowly built up over the past few years, with several changes on the way and represents the bookings we now have in September 2025, bookings were however very slow to pick up following the Covid crisis hence the need to use some of our Reserves .

Due to the part time nature of our staff, security systems have been fitted which allows users access with a key fob or code during the nominally open periods and allows them to admit visitors from the main function rooms without having to go to the front door which we require to remain locked to maintain security within the building.

We have received funds from Happy to Help through Northamptonshire Homes to help run our Youth and Over 50's Keep Fit sections, also substantial additional funding through Nationwide Building Society for our Events programme, with a focus on "Know Your Neighbour "in particular and support to our Home Education Group. Support from National Grid for Community Matters STEM-spiration sessions with Professor Ham. Northamptonshire Sport assisted out Table Tennis section by sponsoring Olympic Open House Sessions and further funding from Northampton Town Council for our Youth Group.

We have in the past financial year had physical assistance from B&Q who have painted on our Briton Terrace frontage a welcoming montage based on our house ident. In addition, they have spruced up our garden area and provided us with various plants.

As a result of complaints from our neighbours about noise we have interacted with the Noise team of the Environmental Health section of West Northamptonshire Council. Their advice was to fit noise limiters to the New Hall and Ralph Skinner Rooms, such that the power goes off when noise is generated above 75 decibels. These were fitted in March and are now working, which has resulted is less complaints

We have continued to maintain and keep the inside of the building a welcoming place, but on a reduced cost basis compared to previous years

This year, there has been less incidences of vandalism. Some problems have been caused by a few youths accessing rooms, and particularly to the ceiling in the New Hall. In addition, some youths have continued to access the roof of the building this has been possible because a fence.to the rear of the building is relatively low and can be used to access the roof, external works are the prerogative of the Council but limited works to the neighbour's fence appear to have mitigated some of the problems.

As a result of the adjoining lands on the northern and western perimeters to the building having been redeveloped for housing, we lost the car parking we had and are now left with on street parking only. This has caused potential hirers to not book or not to renew a booking and can cause problems when we have a lot of occupants. We have requested the Council to provide some parking bays to formalise the situation outside the building so far without a solution. The former County Council were willing to consider it, but only if we financed the work at considerable expense. We continue to liaise with residents and our new Councillors to minimise the problems, however real solutions are not under our control.

Our user groups have changed a lot since Covid, and we have seen a growth in bookings, particularly in the daytime, this may be partly arising from our website and promotions. However, many enquirers have we believe been put off from using the facilities due to the non-availability of off-street Parking. Despite a significant number of enquiries, we cannot help them all and thus they do not all result in new bookings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On the 1st April 2013 the assets of the Old Association were transferred to the Company and showed a healthy unrestricted start up position of £109,209.

In recent years the sustainability of the Association has been in doubt, we have addressing this by attempting to increase the current occupancy rate and seeking other sources of funding. We restructured and increased the rates of hire from 1st April 2021 and increased the rates further in April 2023 and April 2024.

The financial position has been that although we have needed to use our reserves, this has been on a declining basis assisted by limiting repairs and making use of grants wherever possible.

In 2023/24 we also reduced our employees by deletion of the Events Co-Ordinator's post to keep our employees' costs at a minimum.

Users have post Covid largely returned, but in the meantime, we do have sufficient Reserves to carry us through, and we plan to make more use of Grant Aid in future. To this purpose we have previously added a post of Finance & Fundraising Officer, to be able to concentrate on such claims for us.

After twelve years of operation by the company the financial position is reasonably healthy however the trend has previously been for outgoings to exceed incomes thus, we have had to use up some our reserves, this being the first year to break even.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees Reserves Policy includes three months running costs and provision to cover the fitting out, refurbishment and maintenance of the building. A substantial part of this reserve is set aside against future deterioration of the 1930's element of the existing building which has been improved, but de-facto remains a temporary building from that time.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for re-development of at least part of the buildings have not been pursued, but some minor modifications have been carried out. All that had previously been anticipated in the way of re-building came to nothing. Little in the way of long-term planning had been made other than to try and increase use of our facilities to make them more robust and sustainable. We are continuing to maintain what we can inside the building, using the funds built up. As part of the new arrangements, we were required to produce a business plan, which contained proposals for more marketing and community development with a view to further increasing the use of the building.

We have adjusted our employee base all of which are on a part time basis the full time equivalent of which is 1.8 persons based on a 35-hour week at the end of the year.

As a result of the loss of WNC's Community Centre Forum we no longer meet with other Community Centres This has in the past allowed us to share best practice and discuss mutual co-operation in the sector locally and adjust some of our contract arrangements to reduce costs. It has also allowed us to investigate other Grant funding opportunities, so far with only limited success.

The Trustees/Board had been in discussion with the Friends of Abington Library as to how we can help with the transfer of that Library to a Community Managed Library. A business case had been agreed, but then all came to a stop with the covid-19 problems. Due to the reduction, we believed we were facing in our Reserves, and the likely ongoing cost, we have withdrawn from further involvement, given our financial situation. The Friends still have access to the building are in direct discussions with West Northamptonshire Council and are successfully managing it as a Community Library

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The main Public Benefit is to the citizens of Northampton, and in particular the inhabitants of the Abington Estate/Headlands Ward in providing them with facilities to perform various activities. Typical of the use of the facility is the list of activities described above. Additional specific examples are by making rooms available to selected groups at no charge, where applicable, and reduced rental has been specifically agreed for various sessions, other Charities, and occasional fund-raising events by individuals, or organisations for other charities for example National Citizens Service.

OTHER INFORMATION

Thanks to one of our former trustees the Association has renewed the main Website on the Internet. The most up to date Website is www.abingtoncc.co.uk. Most of our enquiries are through the Website but also Email or phone. We also have a Facebook address which is AbingtonCC, which is growing in followers, and an Instagram account.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 29th September 2025.

and signed on their behalf by:

A.R Skinner Company Secretary

The Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for

- Preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

- Selecting suitable accounting policies (as described on page 11) and then applying them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

- Safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

- Confirming that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing documents and the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities 2005.

- Confirming that reference has been made to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and Objectives and in planning future activities, and in particular that it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

- Considering how planned activities will contribute to the Aims and Objectives.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity Number: 1151292

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on the attached pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity if not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statements
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes 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 of disclosures of 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 consequentially no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view". 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:

- to keep counting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met, or

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

Culpeck

Ileana Culpeck MAAT
Director of Culpeck Hysom Ltd

Date 29/12/25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		1,440	12,743	14,183	96	2,988	3,083
Charitable Activities	1	80,863	8,034	88,897	73,096	7,719	80,815
Investments		1,571	7	1,578	1,340	5	1,345
Other				-		-	-
Total income and endowments		**83,874**	**20,784**	**104,658**	**74,532**	**10,711**	**85,243**
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	78,442	18,528	96,970	80,176	11,185	91,361
Other				-			-
Total Expenditure		**78,442**	**18,528**	**96,970**	**80,176**	**11,185**	**91,361**
Transfer between funds							
Net movement in funds		5,432	2,256	7,688	(5,644)	(473)	(6,118)
Total funds brought forward held by Groups		-	3,670	3,670	-	3,923	3,923
Total funds brought forward held by NACA		76,046	9,892	85,938	81,690	10,113	91,803
Total funds carried forward		**81,479**	**15,818**	**97,296**	**76,046**	**13,563**	**89,608**

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 — **Company Number: 08391210**

	Notes	Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS:					
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	9,692		9,692	12,663
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	5,510		5,510	5,054
Stocks		520		520	470
Investments	6	57,774	4,575	62,349	60,957
Cash at Bank		17,452	7,309	24,761	12,767
Cash in Hand		125		125	125
Funds held by Groups			3,934	3,934	3,670
		81,381	15,818	97,200	83,043
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	9,594		9,594	6,098
		9,594		9,594	6,098
Net Current Assets		71,787	15,818	87,606	76,945
NET ASSETS		**81,479**	**15,818**	**97,298**	**89,608**

FUNDS			Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	General		73,979		73,979	68,546
	Designated	8	7,500		7,500	7,500
			81,479		81,479	76,046
Restricted		9		15,818	15,818	13,563
			81,479	**15,818**	**97,297**	**89,609**

For the year ending 31st March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

(ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

(iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Directors as a written resolution and signed on their behalf.

A R Skinner — Company Secretary/Financial Director — Date: 29/12/25

The notes on pages 12 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Format

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds account in that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets. The depreciation is calculated as 20% per annum, straight line method.
Short life assets over 2 years

Stocks

Any stocks of cleaning materials and stationery held are valued at cost.

Incoming Resources

Income is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Investment Income

Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Gifts in Kind and Donated Services and Facilities

Gifts in kind, donated facilities and voluntary help, are not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practical to quantify such income.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and brought into account in the year in which it is due.

Group Funds

Group Funds are included in the consolidated accounts. As all funds relate to specific groups they are considered to be restricted.

Designated Funds

Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

Risk

The Directors/Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.
The organisation has insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Note 1	**Charitable Activities**		£	£	£	£
	Storage		2,004	-	2,004	520
	Subscriptions		5	-	5	25
	Other Social Events		137	-	137	168
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Room Hires		77,821	-	77,821	71,631
	Sundry Income		202	-	202	183
	Group/Section Income		-	8,034	8,034	7,719
	Canteen Receipts		693	-	693	569
			80,863	**8,034**	**88,896**	**80,815**
Note 2	**Charitable Activities**					
	Employment Costs	3	43,414	170	43,584	43,582
	Printing, Postage, Stationery		570	-	570	702
	Telephones		1,614	-	1,614	1,319
	Subscriptions Donations and Presentations		558	-	558	978
	Rates and Water Rates		2,304	-	2,304	2,322
	Gas Heating and Electricity		10,494	-	10,494	10,579
	Marketing, & Publicity		226	-	226	665
	Insurance		963	-	963	910
	Leasehold Rent		240	-	240	240
	Repairs and Renewals		5,854		5,854	5,539
	Cleaning Expenses		3,447	-	3,447	3,678
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Social Events		1,130	-	1,130	1,642
	Group/Section Expenses		-	7,989	7,989	8,840
	Sundry Expenses		252	10,369	10,621	2,491
	Canteen Purchases		424	-	424	381
	Governance Costs					
	General expenses - (incl payroll charges)		880	-	880	1,043
	Professional Fees		-	-	-	53
	Independent Examination		378	-	378	420
	(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	(16)
	Depreciation		5,694	-	5,694	5,993
			78,442	**18,528**	**96,970**	**91,361**
Note 3	**Employment costs**					
	Gross Salaries		44,974	170	45,144	43,359
	Maturnity Pay Recovered from HMRC		(1,903)	-	(1,903)	-
	Employer N I		-	-	-	-
	Employer Pension		330	-	330	218
	DBS Checks		-	-	-	-
	Travel		13	-	13	5
	Training		-	-	-	-
			43,414	**170**	**43,584**	**43,582**

There are no employees being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees by head count during the year was 6 (2024:6).

Key Management personnel in the year were the Directors/Trustees no remuneration was paid.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 4 Tangible Assets

	Furniture & Equipment £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Cost			
Brought forward	70,865	70,865	79,135
Additions during year	2,722	2,722	-
Disposal	(6,989)	(6,989)	(8,270)
	66,598	**66,598**	**70,865**
Depreciation			
Brought forward	58,202	58,202	60,391
Charge during the year	5,693	5,693	5,993
Disposals	(6,989)	(6,989)	(8,182)
	56,906	**56,906**	**58,202**
Net Book value			
Balance at 31.03.25	**9,692**	**9,692**	
Balance at 31.03.24			**12,663**

Note 5 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Rents in arrears	2,251	1,495
Payments in advance	2,207	2,117
Accrued Income	1,052	1,425
HMRC	-	17
	5,510	**5,054**

Note 6 Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
National Savings Bank		684	684	677
Market Harborough Building Society	52,762	3,891	56,653	55,288
Virgin Money	5,012		5,012	5,012
	57,774	**4,575**	**62,349**	**60,977**

Note 7 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due in one year.	(1,346)	(1,973)
Deposits Held	(3,685)	(2,725)
Accruals	(2,026)	(1,400)
HMRC Maternity Pre-Payment	(2,537)	-
	(9,594)	**(6,098)**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 8 **Designated Funds**

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

	Balance 31.03.24 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer £	Balance 31.03.25 £
Building refurbishment provision	7,500	-	-	-	7,500

West Northants Council own the building, but fitting out the building for use is the responsibility of the NACA. The building fund has been designated by the trustees to cover fitting out any new building or if the expected development does not take place refurbish the old building.

Note 9 **Restricted Funds**

		Balance 31.03.24	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.25
	Groups/Sections					
	Tigers & Cubs Childminding Group	92	958	(1,007)	-	43
	Craft Group	13	-	-	-	13
	Over 55's	297	-	-	-	297
	Table Tennis Fund	1,121	1,846	(1,607)	-	1,360
	Railway Group Fund	23	-	-	-	23
	Youth Group Fund	151	365	(284)	-	233
	Mums & Tots Playgroup	9	-	-	-	9
	Folk Dancers	51	-	-	-	51
	Bowls Group Fund	3,411	915	(1,086)	-	3,240
	Sunny Smiles	32	-	-	-	32
	Camera Club	2,156	843	(930)	-	2,069
	Home Education Fridays	-	120	(120)	-	-
	Over 50's Keep Fit	130	2,570	(2,536)	-	164
	Art Group	256	418	(420)	-	254
	Other Funds & Funders					
	Xmas Day Fund	677	7	-	-	684
	Hope Centre	1,560	-	(945)	-	615
New	Happy to Help (N'shire Homes)	-	572	(286)	-	286
	Northampton Town Council	2,303	250	(1,193)	-	1,360
New	Nationwide Building Society	-	9,520	(5,714)	-	3,806
New	National Grid Community Matters	-	1,975	(1,975)	-	-
New	Northamptonshire Sport	-	426	(426)	-	-
	Peak Enpower: Garden Grant	280	-	-	-	280
	WPD Community Matters	1,001	-	-	-	1,001
		13,562	20,784	(18,528)	-	15,819
	Held by NACA for Groups	9,892				11,884
	Funds held by Groups	3,670				3,934
		13,562				**15,818**

Hope Centre grant is for their Grow, Cook, Eat Scheme.
Happy to Help (N'shire Homes) are Grants to support Sections.
Northampton Town Council grants are for sensory equipment (£339 remains unspent during this year) and for events (b/f £1,963 and spent £1,193), and new this year a support grant for our Youth Group (£250).
Nationwide Building Society is for a programme of Events, including "Know your Neighbours"
National Grid Community Matters was for "Stem" Activities for local children.
Northamptonshire Sport was for Open Table Tennis Activities during the Olympics.
Peak Enpower grant is to create a garden area.
WPD Community Matters is for summer cooking courses.

Note 10 **Trustees**

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.
The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £14 (2024:£51)

Note 11 **Operating Lease Commitments**

On 30th March 2012 Northampton Abington Community Association entered into a 30 year lease agreement with Northampton Borough Council with an annual payment of £240

Note 12 **Ultimate Controlling Party**

The charity is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are listed in the Annual Report.

Note 13 **Related Party Transactions**

Related party entries include any payments to Northampton Town Council and West Northants Council, as statutory members.

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1151292

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Company Number:	8391210
Registered Charity Number:	1151292
Board of Directors:	Mr A.R. Skinner – Financial Director Mr M.E.J. Brown Mrs R. Malcomson-Smith Miss G.L. Lewis Chairperson resigned 25th March 2024 Ms M Burchart from 15th November 2024
Company Secretary:	Mr A. R. Skinner
Registered Office:	2 Wheatfield Road South Northampton NN3 2HH
Independent examiner:	Ileana Culpeck MAAT 10 Woodhall Close Northampton NN4 9UB
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank PLC PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Solicitors:	Tollers LLP 1, Waterside Way Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7XD

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in presenting this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The unincorporated organisation was originally formed in 1949 and operated in accordance with a constitution, which was last renewed on 14th January 1998.

The Incorporated Association of the same name which was formed as a Company limited by guarantee No 8391210 on 6th February 2013 registered in England and Wales at 2, Wheatfield Road South and registered as Charity No 1151292 on 19th March 2013 took over all the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Association with effect from 1st April 2013.

The Association's Board are the Charity Trustees. A list of the Trustee's/Directors and their positions and periods of service during the financial year appears on Page 1

Trustees are sought by nomination partly from the Associations sections (or groups) and affiliated organisations, partly from the users of the Centre and by invitation to suitable applicants to fills skill gaps. The board may co-opt directors subject to vacancies which are formally confirmed at subsequent AGM's.

Board Trustee meetings are normally held bi-monthly, between meetings day-to-day decisions are delegated to the Manger or Officers, in particular the Chairperson or Secretary, but in general all major decisions are taken by the Board.

The reduced size of the Trustees/Board of Directors as it finds itself presents problems and potential risks, especially in terms of a business development plan for future security. Engaging the requisite skill set to come on to the Board to address the shortfall is a challenge common to many organisations of our size and intent. Succession planning is a real problem going forward, particularly in the respect of the Company Secretary/Financial Director/Trustee's long experience in completing the many and necessary Statutory requirements.

The Association has continued to manage Abington Community Centre, with help and guidance from the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council (WNC) the main related party and freehold owners of the building, in continuation with arrangements in force since the formation of the original Association in 1949.

As part of the terms of our Management Agreements and Lease it was a requirement that the Association become incorporated in some form, and it was decided to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company is responsible for the running of the Community Centre including all finance and maintenance of the inside of the building. The Council is responsible for the outside maintenance of the building.

Risk management considerations have so far been restricted to those that can be insured for; financially the Association would be covered for fire and theft etc. However, the loss of the building would be a serious problem to the Association should it ever occur, and it was for that reason that previous Officers and Members built up a substantial reserve of funds with the intention of investing those monies in new buildings if and when available. The lease provides for 30 years of security, but it is now already 12 years spent and there are conditions to be met in the Management Agreement in order to retain low rents, and thus ensuring effective financial viability.

In March 2020 a General Meeting was held to amend the Articles of Association of the Company in respect of Membership. Persons from outside the Area of Benefit (Abington) can no longer be members, (unless they are Board Members) and a new category of voting members for General Meetings was established for elected representatives of Centre Sections. The meeting was duly confirmed by the Companies Registrar and the Charities Commission

As a result of the former Covid-19 emergency the Centre is still feeling the effects in that many of our former user groups have not returned to normal. However, to offset this we have attracted quite a lot of new user groups

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Objects of the Association are to provide to the people of Abington and the neighbourhood in an all-inclusive way, with the help of local inhabitants and authorities and other organisations to maintain a welcoming place for activities of a social, educational or leisure time nature, and to improve their conditions of life. The Association provides rooms for activities to take place in. In some instances, the Association runs the activities itself, or via a Group of Members (a Section), or via Other Group or Individuals to use. It organises social activities and runs a catering facility (associated with users only).

The Association directly runs social events on an occasional basis. The Associations Groups (or Centre Sections) run a Monday Afternoon Art Group, a Monday Evening Camera Club, a Tuesday and Thursday Morning Tigers & Cubs Childminders term time Group, a Tuesday Lunchtime Over 50's Keep Fit Group, a Wednesday Afternoon Bowls Group, a Wednesday Evening Table Tennis Group, a Friday Morning Home Education Support Group and a term time Youth Group on a Friday early evening, all meeting weekly except as indicated and subject to differing out of season arrangements when some Groups do not meet.

The normal regular hirers include, Christ Apostolic Church (New Testament Assembly) on a Sunday Morning and on the last Saturday morning each month, Christ Apostolic Church (International) on a Sunday Morning, End Time Ministries on Sunday Lunchtimes, Mr Stoika's Romanian Church on Sunday Nights and also Thursday Nights, a Church Youth Group on a Monday and Friday Night, Sarah runs a Weight watchers group on a Tuesday morning, a Lego Group also meets on a Tuesday morning, a kids science club meets on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings, a Fashion & Textile Group meets on a Tuesday Afternoon. The Higher Life Group holds a Prayer meeting on Tuesday nights, Affinity Dog Training on Tuesday evenings, the Church of Pentecost on Wednesday Mornings and occasional Friday and Saturday Evenings, Dag Karate on certain early Evenings, a Living Well Diabetes Prevention Programme on Friday mornings, a Pilates class also on a Friday morning, Jo Daniels has a Yoga Class on a Friday afternoon, the British Cactus Society meet on certain months on the first Friday Evening. A Latvian Supplementary School twice a month on a Saturday Morning, Gethsemane Presbyterian Church Meet on occasional Saturday Evenings. Other bookings include CCOM on Sundays on an occasional basis, Training sessions for various organisations on a weekday including Genius Tuition in holiday periods and Fresh Start in Education during term times. In addition, Weddings, Birthday Parties, Baby Showers etc. take place on an individual basis throughout the year, mainly on Saturdays.
A lot of spare capacity does exist; however, with the arrival of new hirers, some blocks are now well filled particularly on Sunday's, and we are doing fairly well in the morning sessions which were once our quieter times. The Old Hall is not currently used on a Wednesday and the New Hall is not currently used on a Thursday.

A part time Manager, Caretaker, Cleaner x2, Finance Assistant and Administrator are now employed, however much of the activities undertaken by the Association are of a voluntary nature. The Association needs to thank the many volunteers, including Trustees/Directors in other capacities, who by their efforts make a substantial but unquantifiable contribution to the running of the Association, much of the Associations success has been due to their efforts.

Section numbers have partly stabilized following a downhill trend with several deaths of section members, but the additions of some new Centre Groups/Sections have helped. The age profile is still heavily skewed to the retired age group that puts a strain on the organisation and is causing a potential problem with volunteers to keep the Centre going leading to the recruitment of additional employees.

The Trustees have taken the decision that hires involving Alcohol will not normally be allowed.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The main achievement for the year is the continued survival of the Association; this has been achieved because of the use of some of our Reserves and because of the previous Furlough Government Grants and the various schemes for local authorities to pay Grants to the Hospitality and Leisure Sectors assisted in covered most of our costs during the Covid period.

The above nominal list of activities means that the Community Centre has a potentially healthy number of activities. This list has slowly built up over the past few years, with several changes on the way and represents the bookings we now have in September 2024, bookings were however very slow to pick up following the Covid crisis hence the need to use some of our Reserves .

Due to the part time nature of our staff, security systems have been fitted which allows users access with a key fob or code during the open periods and allows them to admit visitors from the main function rooms without having to go to the front door which always remains locked to maintain security within the building.

The folding doors between the New Hall and the Ralph Skinner Room were renewed in December 2022 with the further help of a £5,000 grant from the B&Q Foundation Neighbourly Team.

We have also created additional storage out of part of the New Hall, this has allowed us to place bulky items away from harm including Bowls mats and Table Tennis Tables and allowed better use of the existing storage room

The Hope Centre has given us an additional Grant to run further grow, cook, eat sessions through our Friday morning Home Education Support Group and we have received additional funding from Northampton Town Council for our Future Programme of Events.

We have in the past financial year had considerable physical assistance from three organisations, the first was Nationwide Building Society who have helped us with replacement Tables and Chairs and crockery, the re-fitting of our Trophy Cabinet, and cleaning assistance, ISG Constructions who helped us with the suspended ceiling in the New Hall. In addition, through Tresham College the Northampton South Prince's Trust Team 59 adopted us as their community project which involved redecorating of the walls of multiple hallways, the kitchen, canteen and toilets, and improved the outside space by weeding and clearing up before planting membrane and laying wood chip to the private area beyond the kitchen.

We have continued to maintain and keep the inside of the building a welcoming place, but on a reduced cost basis compared to previous years.

This year, there has been less incidences of vandalism. Some problems caused by a few youths on the exterior, and particularly the roof of the building have however continued, this has not been helped by a fence to the rear of the buildings, which is relatively low and can easily be used to access the roof, but external works are the prerogative of the Council but limited works to the neighbour's fence appear to have mitigated some of the problems.

As a result of the adjoining lands on the northern and western perimeters to the building having been redeveloped for housing, we lost the car parking we had and are now left with on street parking only. This has caused potential hirers to not book or not to renew a booking and can cause problems when we have a lot of occupants. We have requested the Council to provide some parking bays to formalise the situation outside the building so far without a solution. The former County Council were willing to consider it, but only if we financed the work at considerable expense. We continue to liaise with residents and our new Councillors to minimise the problems, however real solutions are not under our control.

Our user groups have changed since Covid, and we are seeing a small growth in bookings, particularly in the daytime, this may be partly arising from our website and promotions. However, many enquirers have we believe been put off from using the facilities due to the non-availability of off-street Parking. Despite a significant number of enquiries, we are not able to help them all and thus they do not all result in new bookings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On the 1st April 2013 the assets of the Old Association were transferred to the Company and showed a healthy unrestricted start up position of £109,209.

In recent years the sustainability of the Association has been in doubt, we have addressing this by attempting to increase the current occupancy rate and seeking other sources of funding. We restructured and increased the rates of hire from 1st April 2021 and increased the rates further in April 2023 and April 2024.

The financial position has been that although we have needed to use our reserves, this has been on a declining basis assisted by limiting repairs and making use of grants wherever possible.

We have reduced our employees by deletion of the Events Co-Ordinator's post to keep our employees' costs at a minimum.

Our users have post Covid largely returned, but in the meantime, we do have sufficient Reserves to carry us through, and we plan to make more use of Grant Aid in future. To this purpose we have previously added a post of Finance & Fundraising Officer, to be able to concentrate on such claims for us.

After eleven years of operation by the company the financial position is reasonably healthy however the trend has been for outgoings to exceed incomes thus, we are still using up our reserves.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees Reserves Policy includes three months running costs and provision to cover the fitting out, refurbishment and maintenance of the building. A substantial part of this reserve is set aside against future deterioration of the 1930's element of the existing building which has been improved, but de-facto remains a temporary building from that time.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for re-development of at least part of the buildings have been renewed during the year, and some minor modifications have been carried out. But all that had previously been anticipated came to nothing. Little in the way of long-term planning had been made other than to try and increase use of our facilities to make them more robust and sustainable. We are continuing to maintain what we can inside the building, using the funds built up. As part of the new arrangements, we were required to produce a business plan, which contains proposals for more marketing and community development with a view to further increasing the use of the building.

We have adjusted our employee base all of which are on a part time basis the full time equivalent of which is 1.8 persons based on a 35-hour week at the end of the year.

We continue to meet with other Community Centres through WNC's Community Centre Forum, but the meetings have of late become very infrequent. This has in the past allowed us to share best practice and discuss mutual co-operation in the sector locally and adjust some of our contract arrangements to reduce costs. It has also allowed us to investigate other Grant funding opportunities, so far with only limited success.

The Trustees/Board had been in discussion with the Friends of Abington Library as to how we can help with the transfer of that Library to a Community Managed Library. A business case had been agreed, but then all came to a stop with the covid-19 problems. Due to the reduction, we believed we were facing in our Reserves, and the likely ongoing cost, we have withdrawn from any involvement, and there is no intent to resurrect the project given our financial situation. The Friends now have access to the building and are managing it as a Community Library

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The main Public Benefit is to the citizens of Northampton, and in particular the inhabitants of the Abington Estate/Headlands Ward in providing them with facilities to perform various activities. Typical of the use of the facility is the list of activities described above. Additional specific examples are by making rooms available to selected groups at no charge, where applicable, and reduced rental has been specifically agreed for various sessions, other Charities, and occasional fund-raising events by individuals, or organisations for other charities for example National Citizens Service.

OTHER INFORMATION

Thanks to one of our former trustees the Association has renewed the main Website on the Internet. The most up to date Website is www.abingtoncc.co.uk. Most of our enquiries are through the Website but also Email or phone. We also have a Facebook address which is AbingtonCC, which is growing in followers, and an Instagram account.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors as a written resolution on 2nd December 2024.

and signed on their behalf by:

A.R Skinner Company Secretary

The Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for

- Preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

- Selecting suitable accounting policies (as described on page 11) and then applying them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

- Safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

- Confirming that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing documents and the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities 2005.

- Confirming that reference has been made to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and Objectives and in planning future activities, and in particular that it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

- Considering how planned activities will contribute to the Aims and Objectives.

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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity Number: 1151292

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on the attached pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity if not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statements
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes 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 of disclosures of 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 consequentially no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view". 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:

- to keep counting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met, or

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

Ileana Culpeck MAAT
29th December 2023

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		96	2,988	3,083	72	11,587	11,659
Charitable Activities	1	73,096	7,719	80,815	53,221	9,775	62,996
Investments		1,340	5	1,345	772		772
Other				-		-	-
Total income and endowments		**74,532**	**10,711**	**85,243**	**54,065**	**21,362**	**75,427**
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	80,176	11,185	91,361	72,635	20,003	92,638
Other				-			-
Total Expenditure		**80,176**	**11,185**	**91,361**	**72,635**	**20,003**	**92,638**
Transfer between funds							
Net movement in funds		(5,644)	(473)	(6,118)	(18,570)	1,359	(17,211)
Total funds brought forward held by Groups		-	3,923	3,923	-	4,039	4,039
Total funds brought forward held by NACA		81,690	10,113	91,803	100,260	8,638	108,898
Total funds carried forward		**76,046**	**13,563**	**89,608**	**81,690**	**14,036**	**95,726**

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities shown above.

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024 — **Company Number: 08391210**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS:					
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	12,663		12,663	18,744
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	5,054		5,054	10,461
Stocks		470		470	699
Investments	6	56,389	4,568	60,957	60,138
Cash at Bank		7,443	5,324	12,767	8,188
Cash in Hand		125		125	125
Funds held by Groups			3,670	3,670	3,923
		69,481	13,562	83,043	83,534
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	6,098		6,098	6,552
		6,098	-	6,098	6,552
Net Current Assets		63,382	13,562	76,945	76,982
NET ASSETS		**76,046**	**13,562**	**89,608**	**95,726**

FUNDS			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	General		68,546		68,546	74,190
	Designated	8	7,500		7,500	7,500
			76,046	-	76,046	81,690
Restricted		9		13,563	13,563	14,036
			76,046	**13,563**	**89,609**	**95,726**

For the year ending 31st March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

(ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

(iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Directors as a written resoluton on 3rd January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

A R Skinner Company Secretary/Financial Director Date: 3/1/25

The notes on pages 12 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Format
The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds account in that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fixed Assets
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets. The depreciation is calculated as 20% per annum, straight line method.
Short life assets over 2 years

Stocks
Any stocks of cleaning materials and stationery held are valued at cost.
Incoming Resources
Income is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Investment Income
Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Gifts in Kind and Donated Services and Facilities
Gifts in kind, donated facilities and voluntary help, are not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practical to quantify such income.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and brought into account in the year in which it is due.

Group Funds
Group Funds are included in the consolidated accounts. As all funds relate to specific groups they are considered to be restricted.

Designated Funds
Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects

Reserves
The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

Risk
The Directors/Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.
The organisation has insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
Note 1	**Charitable Activities**		£	£	£	£
	Storage		520	-	520	364
	Subscriptions		25	-	25	10
	Other Social Events		168	-	168	273
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Room Hire		71,631	-	71,631	51,753
	Sundry		183	-	183	187
	Groups		-	7,719	7,719	9,775
	Canteen		569	-	569	634
			73,096	**7,719**	**80,814**	**62,996**
Note 2	**Charitable Activities**					
	Employment Costs	3	43,543	39	43,582	36,820
	Printing, postage, stationery		702	-	702	936
	Telephones		1,319	-	1,319	1,704
	Subscriptions donations and presentations		978	-	978	646
	Rates and water rates		2,322	-	2,322	695
	Heating and electricity		10,579	-	10,579	11,495
	Marketing, publicity		665	-	665	322
	Insurance		910	-	910	864
	Leasehold Rent		240	-	240	240
	Repairs and renewals		4,339	1,200	5,539	12,074
	Cleaning expenses		3,678	-	3,678	3,400
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Social Events		1,642	-	1,642	1,055
	Groups Expenses		-	8,840	8,840	11,206
	Sundry expenses		1,385	1,106	2,491	659
	Canteen Purchases		381	-	381	668
	Governance Costs					
	General expenses - (incl payroll charges)		1,043	-	1,043	1,010
	Professional Fees		53	-	53	2,039
	Independent Examination		420	-	420	813
	(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(16)	-	-	-
	Depreciation		5,993	-	5,993	5,992
			80,176	**11,185**	**91,376**	**92,638**
Note 3	**Employment costs**					
	Gross salaries		43,320	39	43,359	36,442
	Employer N I		-	-	-	-
	Employer Pension		218	-	218	244
	DBS Checks		-	-	-	-
	Travel		5	-	5	-
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Note 4 Tangible Assets

	Furniture & Equipment £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cost			
Brought forward	79,135	79,135	66,590
Additions during year	-	-	12,545
Disposal	(8,270)	(8,270)	-
	70,865	**70,865**	**79,135**
Depreciation			
Brought forward	60,391	60,391	54,399
Charge during the year	5,993	5,993	5,992
Disposals	(8,182)	(8,182)	-
	58,202	**58,202**	**60,391**
			-
Net Book value			
Balance at 31.03.24	**12,663**	**12,663**	
Balance at 31.03.23			**18,744**

Note 5 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Rents in arrears	1,495	5,778
Payments in advance	2,117	1,960
Accrued Income	1,425	1,962
HMRC	17	761
	5,054	**10,461**

Note 6 Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
National Savings Bank		677	677	671
Market Harborough Building Society	51,377	3,891	55,268	54,467
Virgin Money	5,012		5,012	5,000
	56,389	**4,568**	**60,957**	**60,138**

Note 7 Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due in one year.	(1,973)	(1,274)
Deposits Held	(2,725)	(2,050)
Accruals	(1,400)	(3,228)
	(6,098)	**(6,552)**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 8 **Designated Funds**

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

	Balance 31.03.23	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.24
	£	£	£	£	£
Building refurbishment provision	7,500	-	-	-	**7,500**

West Northants Council own the building, but fitting out the building for use is the responsibility of the NACA. The building fund has been designated by the trustees to cover fitting out any new building or if the expected development does not take place refurbish the old building.

Note 9 **Restricted Funds**

	Balance 31.03.23	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.24
Tigers & Cubs Childminding Group	41	785	(734)	-	92
Craft Group	13	-	-	-	13
Phoenix Club	-	-	-	-	-
Over 55's	297	-	-	-	297
Table Tennis Fund	1,598	1,688	(2,165)	-	1,121
Railway Group Fund	23	-	-	-	23
Youth Group Fund	246	553	(648)	-	151
Acorns Playgroup	9	15	(15)	-	9
Folk Dancers	51	-	-	-	51
Xmas Day	672	5	-	-	677
Canteen Welfare Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Northampton Town Council	1,700	2,000	(1,397)	-	2,303
Rank Org. Pebble grant	-	-	-	-	-
Bowls Group Fund	3,367	1,124	(1,080)	-	3,411
Over 50's Keep Fit	441	2,506	(2,817)	-	130
Sunny Smiles	32	-	-	-	32
Camera Club	2,140	916	(900)	-	2,156
Art Group	566	98	(408)	-	256
Home Education Fridays	-	73	(73)	-	-
Hope Centre	1,520	949	(909)	-	1,560
Local Giving	-	-	-	-	-
Peak Enpower: Garden Grant	280	-	-	-	280
WPD Community Matters	1,040	-	(39)	-	1,001
	14,036	10,711	(11,185)	-	13,562
Held by NACA for Groups	10,113				9,892
Funds held by Groups	3,923				3,670
	14,036				**13,562**

Northampton Town Council grants are for sensory equipment (£303 of £500 remaining) and future events (£2,000)
Hope Centre grant is for their Grow, Cook, Eat Scheme
Peak Enpower grant is to create a garden area
WPD Community Matters grant is for summer courses

Note 10 **Trustees**

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.
The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £51 (2023:£113)

Note 11 **Operating Lease Commitments**

On 30th March 2012 Northampton Abington Community Association entered into a 30 year lease agreement with Northampton Borough Council with an annual payment of £240

Note 12 **Ultimate Controlling Party**

The charity is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are listed in the Annual Report.

Note 13 **Related Party Transactions**

Related party entries are any payments to Northampton Town Council and West Northants Council, as statutory members.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Company Number:	8391210
Registered Charity Number:	1151292
Board of Directors:	Mr A.R. Skinner – Financial Director Miss G.L. Lewis Chairperson from 24th May 2022 Mr M.E.J. Brown Mrs R. Malcomson-Smith from 24th May 2022
Company Secretary:	Mr A. R. Skinner
Registered Office:	2 Wheatfield Road South Northampton NN3 2HH
Independent examiner:	Ileana Culpeck MAAT 10 Woodhall Close Northampton NN4 9UB
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank PLC PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Solicitors:	Tollers LLP 1, Waterside Way Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7XD

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in presenting this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The unincorporated organisation was originally formed in 1949 and operated in accordance with a constitution, which was last renewed on 14th January 1998.

The Incorporated Association of the same name which was formed as a Company limited by guarantee No 8391210 on 6th February 2013 registered in England and Wales at 2, Wheatfield Road South and registered as Charity No 1151292 on 19th March 2013 took over all the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Association with effect from 1st April 2013.

The Association's Board are the Charity Trustees. A list of the Trustee's/Directors and their positions and periods of service during the financial year appears on Page 1

Trustees are sought by nomination partly from the Associations sections (or groups) and affiliated organisations, partly from the users of the Centre and by invitation to suitable applicants to fills skill gaps. The board may co-opt directors subject to vacancies which are formally confirmed at subsequent AGM's.

Board Trustee meetings are normally held bi-monthly, between meetings day-to-day decisions are delegated to the Officers or Manager, in particular the Chairperson or Secretary, but in general all major decisions are taken by the Board.

The Association has continued to manage Abington Community Centre, with help and guidance from the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council (WNC) the main related party and freehold owners of the building, in continuation with arrangements in force since the formation of the original Association in 1949.

As part of the Management Agreements and Lease it was a requirement that the Association become incorporated in some form, and it was decided to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company is responsible for the running of the Community Centre including all finance and maintenance of the inside of the building. The Council is responsible for the outside maintenance of the building.

Risk management considerations have so far been restricted to those that can be insured for; financially the Association would be covered for fire and theft etc. However, the loss of the building would be a serious problem to the Association should it ever occur, and it was for that reason that previous Officers and Members built up a substantial reserve of funds with the intention of investing those monies in new buildings if and when available. The lease provides for 30 years of security, but it is now already 11 years spent and there are conditions to be met in the Management Agreement in order to retain low rents, and thus ensuring effective financial viability.

In March 2020 a General Meeting was held to amend the Articles of Association of the Company in respect of Membership. Persons from outside the Area of Benefit (Abington) can no longer be members, (unless they are Board Members) and a new category of voting members for General Meetings was established for elected representatives of Centre Sections. The meeting was duly confirmed by the Companies Registrar and the Charities Commission

As a result of the former Covid-19 emergency the Centre is still feeling the effects in that many of our user groups have not returned to normal. However to offset this we have attracted some new user groups

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Objects of the Association are to provide to the people of Abington and the neighbourhood in an all-inclusive way, with the help of local inhabitants and authorities and other organisations to maintain a welcoming place for activities of a social, educational or leisure time nature, and to improve their conditions of life. The Association provides rooms for activities to take place in. In some instances, the Association runs the activities itself, or via a Group of Members (a Section), or via Other Group or Individuals to use. It organises social activities and runs a catering facility (associated with users only).

The Association directly runs events and other social events on an occasional basis including Stay & Play on a Wednesday Morning, and Home Education Support on a Friday Morning. The Associations Groups (or Centre Sections) run a Monday Afternoon Art Group, a Monday Evening Camera Club, a Tuesday and Thursday Morning Tigers & Cubs Childminders term time Group, a Tuesday Lunchtime Over 50's Keep Fit Group, a Wednesday Afternoon Bowls Group, a Wednesday Evening Table Tennis Group, and a Junior Youth Group on a Friday early evening, all meeting weekly except as indicated and subject to differing out of season arrangements when some Groups do not meet.

The normal regular hirers include, Christ Apostolic Church on a Sunday Morning and on the last Saturday morning each month, PSBM on a Sunday Morning, End Time Ministries on Sunday Lunchtimes, Mr Stoika's Romanian Church on Sunday Nights and also Thursday Nights, a Family Support Group on a Monday Night, Sarah runs a Weight watchers group on a Tuesday morning, a kids science club meets on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings, a Fashion & Textile Group on a Tuesday Afternoon, Street Ahead also run a session on Tuesday early evenings, the Higher Life Group holds a Prayer meeting Tuesday nights, Affinity Dog Training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the Church of Pentecost on Wednesday Mornings and occasional Friday and Saturday Evenings, Dag Karate on certain early Evenings, a Living Well Diabetes Prevention Programme on Friday mornings, a Pilates class also on a Friday morning, the British Cactus Society meet on certain months on the first Friday Evening. A Latvian Supplementary School twice a month on a Saturday Morning, Gethsemane Presbyterian Church Meet on occasional Saturday Evenings. Other bookings include LEL's Counselling on an occasional basis, Training sessions for various organisations on a weekday including Genius Tuition in holiday periods and Fresh Start in Education during term times. In addition, Weddings, Birthday Parties, Baby Showers etc. take place on an individual basis throughout the year, mainly on Saturdays.

A lot of spare capacity does exist; however, with the arrival of new hirers, some blocks are now well filled particularly on Sunday's, and we are doing fairly well in the morning sessions which were once our quietest times.

A part time Manager, Caretaker, Cleaner x2, Finance Assistant and Administrator are now employed, however much of the activities undertaken by the Association are of a voluntary nature. The Association needs to thank the many volunteers, including Trustees/Directors in other capacities, who by their efforts make a substantial but unquantifiable contribution to the running of the Association, much of the Associations success has been due to their efforts.

Section numbers have generally stabilized following a downhill trend with several deaths of section members, but the additions of some new Centre Groups/Sections have helped. The age profile is still heavily skewed to the retired age group that puts a strain on the organisation and is causing a potential problem with volunteers to keep the Centre going leading to the recruitment of additional employees.

The Trustees have taken the decision that hires involving Alcohol will not normally be allowed.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The main achievement for the year is the continued survival of the Association; this has been achieved because of the use of Reserves and because of previous Government Grants. The Furlough Grants and the various schemes for local authorities to pay Grants to the Hospitality and Leisure Sectors covered most of our costs during Covid.

The above nominal list of activities means that the Community Centre has a potentially healthy number of activities. This list has slowly built up over the past two years, with several changes on the way and represents the bookings we now have in September 2023, bookings were however very slow to pick up following the Covid crisis hence the need to use some of our Reserves .

Due to the part time nature of our staff, security systems have been fitted which allows users access with a key fob or code during the open periods and allows them to admit visitors from the main function rooms without having to go to the front door.

The folding doors between the New Hall and the Ralph Skinner Room finally failed in mid-2022 but had been troublesome for some time and eventually had to be removed as they could not be repaired. In early 2022, we had received a grant from the Northampton Town Council to assist in repairing these of £1,000, which has been applied to the removal and partly toward their replacement in 2022/23 as they were eventually replaced in December 2022 with the further help of a £5,000 grant from the B&Q Foundation Neighbourly Team. We have also progressed with a plan to create additional storage out of part of the New Hall, this has allowed us to place bulky items away from harm including Bowls mats and Table Tennis Tables

We have changed the control system to our 2021 procured Central Heating Gas boiler to make operation more economical during the year, this was assisted by a £750 Pebbles Grant from the Rank Organisation.

Other external grants were received. Through Local Giving we received a small £500 Grant to assist our Events Organiser in running some of our Stay & Play sessions. We have also been involved with WPD Community Matters to give some Summer Cooking Courses in 2022, and just prior to the end of the year we received some funding from the Hope Centre

for grow, cook, eat sessions and additional funding from Northampton Town Council for music and play equipment.

We have in the past year had considerable physical assistance from three organisations, the first was Nationwide Building Society who have helped us with replacement Tables and Chairs and crockery, the re-fitting of our Trophy Cabinet, and cleaning assistance, ISG Constructions who helped us with the suspended ceiling in the New Hall. In addition through Tresham College the Northampton South Prince's Trust Team 59 adopted us as their community project which involved redecorating of the walls of multiple hallways, the kitchen, canteen and toilets, and also improved the outside space by weeding and clearing up before planting membrane and laying wood chip to the private area beyond the kitchen.

We have continued to maintain and keep the inside of the building a welcoming place, but on a reduced cost basis during this particular year.

This year, there has been reduced incidences of vandalism. Problems caused by a few youths on the exterior, and particularly the roof of the building have however continued, this has not been helped by a fence to the rear of the buildings, which is relatively low and can easily be used to access the roof, but external works are the prerogative of the Council but limited works to the neighbour's fence appear to have mitigated some of the problems.

As a result of the adjoining lands on the northern and western perimeters to the building having been redeveloped for housing, we lost the car parking we had and are now left with on street parking only. This has caused potential hirers to not book and can cause problems when we have a lot of occupants. We have requested the Council to provide some parking bays to formalise the situation outside the building so far without a solution. The former County Council were willing to consider it, but only if we financed the work at considerable expense. We continue to liaise with residents and our new Councillors to minimise the problems, however real solutions are not under our control.

Our user groups have changed since Covid, and we are seeing a small growth in bookings, particularly in the daytime, this may be partly arising from our website and promotions. However, many enquirers have we believe been put off from using the facilities due to the non-availability of off-street Parking. Despite a significant number of one-off enquiries, we are not able to help them all and thus they do not all result in new bookings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On the 1st April 2013 the assets of the Old Association were transferred to the Company and showed a healthy unrestricted start up position of £109,209.

In recent years the sustainability of the Association has been in doubt, we have addressing this by attempting to increase the current occupancy rate and seeking other sources of funding. We restructured and increased the rates of hire from 1st April 2020,which were applied to all users from April 2021, and increased the rates further in March 2023 by 20%.

Previously use has been made of the Furlough Scheme and Hospitality and Leisure Sector Grants. The grant aid and reductions in overheads have meant that the financial position was that not much of the reserves have been needed to be used, In addition the buildings have not had so much wear and tear in the preceding two years.

Our users have post Covid largely returned, but in the meantime, we do have sufficient Reserves to carry us through, and we plan to make more use of Grant Aid in future. To this purpose we have added a new post of Finance & Fundraising Officer, to be able to concentrate on such claims for us.

After ten years of operation by the company the financial position is reasonably healthy however the trend has been for outgoings to exceed incomes thus, we are still using up our reserves.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees Reserves Policy includes three months running costs and provision to cover the fitting out, refurbishment and maintenance of the building. A substantial part of this reserve is set aside against future deterioration of the 1930's element of the existing building which has been improved, but de-facto remains a temporary building.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for re-development of at least part of the buildings have been renewed during the year, and some minor modifications have been carried out. But all that had previously been anticipated came to nothing. Little in the way of long-term planning had been made other than to try and increase use of our facilities to make them more robust and sustainable. We are continuing to maintain what we can inside the building, using the funds built up. As part of the new arrangements, we were required to produce a business plan, which contains proposals for more marketing and community development with a view to further increasing the use of the building.

We continue to meet with other Community Centres through WNC's Community Centre Forum, both formally and informally. This allows us to share best practice and discuss mutual co-operation in the sector locally which is very helpful. This has allowed us to share best practise and adjust some of our contract arrangements to reduce costs. It has also allowed us to investigate other Grant funding opportunities, so far with limited success.

The Trustees/Board had been in discussion with the Friends of Abington Library as to how we can help with the transfer of that Library to a Community Managed Library. The former County Council no longer wished to operate that Library but was prepared for it to continue in operation if a suitable agreement can be reached to do so. The Trustees had previously agreed to a proposal which would mean the Association taking on the Lease of the Abington Library building, and the Friends of Abington Library undertaking the running of the library. In effect it would become a joint venture. The business case had been agreed with the County Council, but then all came to a stop with the covid-19 problems. The Friends now have access under a Tenancy at Will arrangement to that building, but due to the reduction we are facing in our Reserves, and the likely ongoing cost, we have withdrawn from the negotiations with West Northamptonshire Council.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

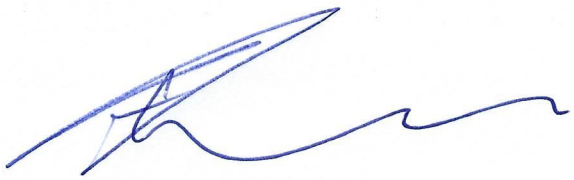
The main Public Benefit is to the citizens of Northampton, and in particular the inhabitants of the Abington Estate/Headlands Ward in providing them with facilities to perform various activities. Typical of the use of the facility is the list of activities described above. Additional specific examples are by making rooms available to selected groups at no charge, where applicable, and reduced rental has been specifically agreed for various sessions, other Charities, and occasional fund-raising events by individuals, or organisations for other charities for example National Citizens Service.

OTHER INFORMATION

Thanks to one of our Trustees the Association has renewed the main Website on the Internet. The most up to date Website is www.abingtoncc.co.uk. Most of our enquiries are through the Website but also Email or phone. We also have a Facebook address which is AbingtonCC, which is functional but not as effective as we would like.

This report was approved by the directors at a Board Meeting held on 26th September 2023.

and signed on their behalf by:



A.R Skinner Company Secretary

The Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for

- Preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

- Selecting suitable accounting policies (as described on page 11) and then applying them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

- Safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

- Confirming that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing documents and the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities 2005.

- Confirming that reference has been made to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and Objectives and in planning future activities, and in particular that it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

- Considering how planned activities will contribute to the Aims and Objectives.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity Number: 1151292

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on the attached pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity if not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioner (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statements
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes 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 of disclosures of 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 consequentially no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view". 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:

- to keep counting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met, or

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

Ileana Culpeck MAAT
8th December 2023

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		72	11,587	11,659	16,128	1,750	17,878
Charitable Activities	1	53,221	9,775	62,996	35,559	15,743	51,302
Investments		772		772	360	-	360
Other			-	-	-	-	-
Total income and endowments		**54,065**	**21,362**	**75,427**	**52,047**	**17,493**	**69,540**
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	72,635	20,003	92,638	60,074	13,477	73,551
Other				-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		**72,635**	**20,003**	**92,638**	**60,074**	**13,477**	**73,551**
Transfer between funds					-		
Net movement in funds		(18,570)	1,359	(17,211)	(8,027)	4,016	(4,011)
Total funds brought forward held by Groups		-	4,039	4,039	-	3,048	3,048
Total funds brought forward held by NACA		100,260	8,638	108,898	108,287	5,613	113,900
Total funds carried forward		**81,690**	**14,036**	**95,726**	**100,260**	**12,677**	**112,937**

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities shown above.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023 — **Company Number: 08391210**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS:					
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	18,744		18,744	12,191
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	10,461		10,461	5,452
Stocks		699		699	1,052
Investments	6	55,591	4,547	60,138	84,872
Cash at Bank		2,622	5,566	8,188	9,496
Cash in Hand		125		125	125
Funds held by Groups			3,923	3,923	4,039
		69,498	14,036	83,534	105,036
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	6,552		6,552	(4,290)
		6,552	-	6,552	(4,290)
Net Current Assets		62,946	14,036	76,982	100,746
NET ASSETS		**81,690**	**14,036**	**95,726**	**112,937**

FUNDS			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2022
			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	General		74,190		74,190	92,760
	Designated	8	7,500		7,500	7,500
			81,690	-	81,690	100,260
Restricted		9		14,036	14,036	12,677
			81,690	**14,036**	**95,726**	**112,937**

For the year ending 31st March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

(ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

(iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved at a meeting of Directors and signed on their behalf.

A R Skinner Company Secretary/Financial Director Date: 19/12/23

The notes on pages 12 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Format
The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds account in that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fixed Assets
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets. The depreciation is calculated as 20% per annum, straight line method.
Short life assets over 2 years

Stocks
Any stocks of cleaning materials and stationery held are valued at cost.

Incoming Resources
Income is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Investment Income
Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Gifts in Kind and Donated Services and Facilities
Gifts in kind, donated facilities and voluntary help, are not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practical to quantify such income.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and brought into account in the year in which it is due.

Group Funds
Group Funds are included in the consolidated accounts. As all funds relate to specific groups they are considered to be restricted.

Designated Funds
Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects

Reserves
The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

Risk
The Directors/Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.
The organisation has insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
			£	£	£	£
Note 1	**Charitable Activities**					
	Storage		364	-	364	82
	Subscriptions		10	-	10	35
	Other Social Events		273	-	273	63
	Outings			-	-	-
	Room Hire		51,753	-	51,753	32,810
	Sundry		187	-	187	1,549
	Groups		-	9,775	9,775	15,743
	Canteen		634	-	634	1,020
			53,221	**9,775**	**62,996**	**51,302**
Note 2	**Charitable Activities**					
	Employment Costs	3	36,426	394	36,820	25,633
	Printing, postage, stationery		936	-	936	1,088
	Telephones		1,704	-	1,704	1,850
	Subscriptions donations and presentations		646	-	646	40
	Rates and water rates		695	-	695	657
	Heating and electricity		11,495	-	11,495	7,160
	Marketing, publicity		322	-	322	-
	Insurance		864	-	864	819
	Leasehold Rent		240	-	240	240
	Repairs and renewals		4,053	8,021	12,074	4,933
	Cleaning expenses		3,400	-	3,400	2,884
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Social Events		1,055	-	1,055	1,151
	Groups Expenses		-	11,206	11,206	13,477
	Sundry expenses		277	382	659	1,161
	Canteen Purchases		668	-	668	696
	Governance Costs					
	General expenses - (incl payroll charges)		1,010	-	1,010	701
	Professional Fees		2,039	-	2,039	5,758
	Independent Examination		813	-	813	641
	Depreciation		5,992	-	5,992	4,662
			72,635	**20,003**	**92,638**	**73,551**
Note 3	**Employment costs**					
	Gross salaries		36,048	394	36,442	25,418
	Employer N I			-	-	-
	Employer Pension		244	-	244	197
	DBS Checks			-	-	-
	Travel			-	-	-
	Training		134	-	134	18
			36,426	**394**	**36,820**	**25,633**

There are no employees being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees by head count during the year was 6 (2022:3).

Key Management personnel in the year were the Directors/Trustees no remuneration was paid.

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Note 4 Tangible Assets

	Furniture & Equipment £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cost			
Brought forward	66,590	66,590	66,590
Additions during year	12,545	12,545	-
Disposal		-	-
	79,135	**79,135**	**66,590**
Depreciation			
Brought forward	54,399	54,399	49,737
Charge during the year	5,992	5,992	4,662
Disposals		-	-
	60,391	**60,391**	**54,399**
			-
Net Book value			
Balance at 31.03.23	**18,744**	**18,744**	
Balance at 31.03.22			12,191

Note 5 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Rents in arrears	5,778	2,029
Payments in advance	1,960	1,622
Accrued Income	1,962	1,801
HMRC	761	-
	10,461	**5,452**

Note 6 Investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
National Savings Bank		671	671	671
Market Harborough Building Society	50,591	3,876	54,467	54,201
Virgin Money	5,000		5,000	30,000
	55,591	**4,547**	**60,138**	**84,872**

Note 7 Creditors

Amounts falling due in one year.	(1,274)	(1,715)
Deposits Held	(2,050)	(825)
Accruals	(3,228)	(1,750)
	(6,552)	**(4,290)**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 8 **Designated Funds**

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

	Balance at 01.04.22	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Building refurbishment provision	7,500	-	-	-	7,500

West Northants Council own the building, but fitting out the building for use is the responsibility of the NACA. The building fund has been designated by the trustees to cover fitting out any new building or if the expected development does not take place refurbish the old building.

Note 9 **Restricted Funds**

	Balance at 01.04.22	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.23
Tigers & Cubs Childminding Group	10	392	(361)	-	41
Craft Group	13	-	-	-	13
Phoenix Club	1,044	175	(1,219)	-	-
Over 55's	297	-	-	-	297
Table Tennis Fund	1,126	1,072	(600)	-	1,598
Railway Group Fund	23	-	-	-	23
Youth Group Fund	483	559	(796)	-	246
Acorns Playgroup	19	-	(10)	-	9
Folk Dancers	51	-		-	51
Xmas Day	671	1	-	-	672
Canteen Welfare Fund	5	-	(5)	-	-
Northampton Town Council	1,000	1,700	(1,000)	-	1,700
Rank Org. Pebble grant	750	-	(750)	-	-
Bowls Group Fund	4,163	3,706	(4,502)	-	3,367
Over 50's Keep Fit	126	2,590	(2,275)	-	441
Sunny Smiles	32	-	-	-	32
Camera Club	1,991	1,073	(924)	-	2,140
Art Group	873	207	(514)	-	566
B&Q Foundation: Neighbourly Team	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Hope Centre	-	1,607	(87)	-	1,520
Local Giving	-	500	(500)	-	-
Peak Enpower: Garden Grant	-	280	-	-	280
WPD Community Matters	-	2,500	(1,460)	-	1,040
	12,677	21,362	(20,003)	-	14,036
Held by NACA for Groups	8,638				10,113
Funds held by Groups	4,039				3,923
	12,677				**14,036**

Northampton Town Council grants are for sensory equipment (£500) and a new music system (£1,200)
Rank Organisation Pebble grant is for the improvement to the heating system.
B&Q Foundation grant is for the replacement of the Concertina Doors between the New Hall and Ralph Skinner Room
Hope Centre grant is for their Grow, Cook, Eat Scheme
Local Giving grant is for Mother and Children activities
Peak Enpower grant is to create a garden area
WPD Community Matters grant is for summer courses

Note 10 **Trustees**

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.
The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £133 (2022:£46)

Note 11 **Operating Lease Commitments**

On 30th March 2012 Northampton Abington Community Association entered into a 30 year lease agreement with Northampton Borough Council with an annual payment of £240

Note 12 **Ultimate Controlling Party**

The charity is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are listed in the Annual Report.

Note 13 **Related Party Transactions**

Related party entries are any payments to Northampton Town Council and West Northants Council, as statutory members.

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1151292

Accounts

Company Number: 08391210

Registered Charity Number: 1151292

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR END

31st MARCH 2022

Northampton Abington Community Association
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Company Number:	8391210
Registered Charity Number:	1151292
Board of Directors:	Mr A.R. Skinner – Financial Director Mr R. Leathersich to 31st March 2022 Ms A Kreicberga to 31st March 2022 Mr M Sawyer to 31st March 2022 Miss M.C. Heath to 31st March 2022 Miss G.L. Lewis Chairperson from 24th May 2022 Mr M.E.J. Brown Mrs R. Malcomson-Smith from 24th May 2022
Company Secretary:	Mr A. R. Skinner
Registered Office:	2 Wheatfield Road South Northampton NN3 2HH
Independent examiner:	CVS Northamptonshire 32-36 Hazelwood Road Northampton NN1 1LN
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank PLC PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Solicitors:	Tollers LLP 1, Waterside Way Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7XD

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in presenting this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The unincorporated organisation was originally formed in 1949 and operated in accordance with a constitution, which was last renewed on 14th January 1998.

The Incorporated Association of the same name which was formed as a Company limited by guarantee No 8391210 on 6th February 2013 registered in England and Wales at 2, Wheatfield Road South and registered as Charity No 1151292 on 19th March 2013 took over all the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Association with effect from 1st April 2013.

The Association's Board are the Charity Trustees and were initially appointed by and from the General Committee of the unincorporated Association above, and subsequently supplemented by new Directors co-opted by the Board and approved at subsequent AGMs. A list of the Trustee's/Directors and their positions and periods of service during the financial year appears on Page 1

Trustees are sought by nomination partly from the Associations sections (or groups) and affiliated organisations, partly from the users of the Centre and by invitation to suitable applicants to fills skill gaps. The board may co-opt directors subject to vacancies which are formally confirmed at subsequent AGM's.

Board Trustee meetings are normally held monthly, between meetings day-to-day decisions are delegated to the Officers or Manager, in particular the Chairman or Secretary, but in general all major decisions are taken by the Board.

The Association has continued to manage Abington Community Centre, with help and guidance from the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council (WNC) the main related party and freehold owners of the building, in continuation with arrangements in force since the formation of the original Association in 1949.

As part of the Management Agreements and Lease it was a requirement that the Association become incorporated in some form, and it was decided to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company is responsible for the running of the Community Centre including all finance and maintenance of the inside of the building. The Council is responsible for the outside maintenance of the building.

Risk management considerations have so far been restricted to those that can be insured for; financially the Association would be covered for fire and theft etc. However, the loss of the building would be a serious problem to the Association should it ever occur, and it was for that reason that previous Officers and Members built up a substantial reserve of funds with the intention of investing those monies in new buildings if and when available. The lease provides for 30 years of security, but it is now already 10 years spent and there are conditions to be met in the Management Agreement in order to retain low rents, and thus ensuring effective financial viability.

In March 2020 just before Covid-19 closed everything down a General Meeting was held to amend the Articles of Association of the Company in respect of Membership. Persons from outside the Area of Benefit (Abington) can no longer be members, (unless they are Board Members) and a new category of voting members for General Meetings was established for up to two elected representatives of Centre Sections. The meeting although poorly attended received sufficient proxy votes for approval and was duly confirmed by the Companies Registrar and the Charities Commission

As a result of the Covid-19 emergency the Centre is still feeling the effects of the closure and restrictions imposed at that time in that many of our users, and in particular the number of attenders has been much reduced.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Objects of the Association are to provide to the people of Abington and the neighbourhood in an all-inclusive way, with the help of local inhabitants and authorities and other organisations to maintain a welcoming place for activities of a social, educational or leisure time nature, and to improve their conditions of life. The Association provides rooms for activities to take place in. In some instances, the Association runs the activities itself, or via a Group of Members (a Section), or via Other Group or Individuals to use. It organises social activities and runs a catering facility (associated with users only).

The Association directly runs events and other social events on an occasional basis. The Associations Groups (or Centre Sections) run a Monday morning Mums & Tots Group, Monday Afternoon Art Group, a Monday Afternoon, Tuesday Evening, Wednesday Afternoon, and Thursday Morning Bowls Group, a Monday Evening Camera Club, a Tuesday Lunchtime Over 50's Keep Fit Group, a Wednesday Evening Table Tennis Group, a Thursday Morning Tigers & Cubs Childminders term time Group, a Junior & separate Senior Youth Group on a Friday early evening and a Saturday Morning Phoenix Children's term time Group all meeting weekly except as indicated and subject to differing out of season arrangements when some Groups do not meet.

The normal regular hirers include, Christ Apostolic Church on a Sunday Morning and on the last Saturday morning, PSBM on a Sunday Morning, Logini Tamil Dance Class also on a Sunday Morning, Kharis Ministries at Sunday Lunchtimes and occasional Saturday Afternoons, EndTime Ministries also on Sunday Lunchtimes, The Apostolic Church on Sunday Afternoons, Mr Stoika's Rumanian Church on Sunday Nights and also Thursday Nights, Paradise Pearls Muslim Education meet at various times on Monday and Wednesday, Affinity Dog Training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Sarah runs a Weight watchers group on a Tuesday morning, The higher Life Group holds a Prayer meeting Tuesday nights, The Church of Pentecost on Wednesday Mornings and occasional Friday and Saturday Evenings, Dag Karate on Monday and Wednesday early Evenings, the British Cactus Society meet on certain months on the first Friday Evening. A Latvian School twice a month on a Saturday Morning, JMA fitness at lunchtime on a Saturday and Gethsemane Presbyterian Church Meet on occasional Saturday Evenings. Other hires included Training sessions for various organisations on a weekday including Genius Tuition and Fresh Start in Education and Weddings, Birthday Parties, Baby Showers etc. take place on an individual basis throughout the year, mainly on Saturdays.

A lot of spare capacity does exist; however, with the arrival of new hirers, some blocks are now well filled particularly on Sunday's, and increasingly some weekday evenings.

A part time Manager, Caretaker, Cleaner x2, Finance Assistant and Administrator are now employed, however much of the activities undertaken by the Association are of a voluntary nature. The Association needs to thank the many volunteers, including Trustees/Directors in other capacities, who by their efforts make a substantial but unquantifiable contribution to the running of the Association, much of the Associations success has been due to their efforts.

Section numbers have generally stabilized following a downhill trend with a number of deaths of section members, but the additions of some new Centre Groups/Sections has helped. The age profile is still heavily skewed to the retired age group that puts a strain on the organisation and is causing a potential problem with volunteers to keep the Centre going in the near future leading to the recruitment of additional employees.

The Trustees have taken the decision that hires involving Alcohol will not normally be allowed.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The main achievement for the year is the continued survival of the Association; this has been achieved largely because of previous Government Grants. The Furlough Grants and the various schemes for local authorities to pay Grants to the Hospitality and Leisure Sectors have covered most of our costs during Covid. We have been able to redecorate and renew the New Hall and Ralph Skinner Room thanks to the Bows Section and tidy up a few areas.

The above nominal list of activities means that the Community Centre has a potentially healthy number of activities. The list is of those that have returned to the Centre, with a few changes and represents the bookings we now have.

Due to the part time nature of our staff a security system was fitted which allows users access with a code during the open periods and allows them to admit visitors from the main function rooms without having to go to the front door.

The folding doors between the New Hall and the Ralph Skinner Room finally failed in mid-2022 but had been troublesome for some time and eventually had to be removed as they could not be repaired. During the year of account, we had received a grant from the Northampton Town Council to assist in repairing these of £1,000, which has been applied to the removal and partly toward their replacement in 2022/23 as they were eventually replaced in December 2022. We have continued to maintain and keep the inside of the building a welcoming place, but on a reduced cost basis during this particular year.

We have changed the control system to our recently procured Central Heating Gas boiler to make operation more economical during the year, this was assisted by a £750 Pebbles Grant from the Rank Organisation.

This year, there has been isolated incidence of vandalism. Problems caused by a few youths on the exterior, and particularly the roof of the building have continued, this has however not been helped by a fence to the rear of the buildings, which is relatively low and can easily be used to access the roof. Work continues with the assistance of the local PCSO's to establish

measures to prevent access, however external works are the prerogative of the Council but limited works to the neighbour's fence appear to have mitigated some of the problems.

As a result of the adjoining lands on the northern and western perimeters to the building having been redeveloped for housing, we lost the car parking we had and are now left with on street parking only. This has caused potential hirers to not book and can cause problems when we have a lot of occupants. We have requested the Council to provide some parking bays to formalise the situation outside the building so far without a solution. The former County Council were willing to consider it, but only if we financed the work at considerable expense. We continue to liaise with residents and our new Councillors to minimise the problems, however real solutions are not under our control.

Our user groups have changed since Covid, and we are seeing a small growth in bookings, particularly in the daytime, this may be partly arising from our website and promotions. However, many enquirers have we believe been put off from using the facilities due to the non-availability of off-street Parking. Despite a significant number of one-off enquiries, we are not able to help them all and thus they do not all result in new bookings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On the 1st April 2013 the assets of the Old Association were transferred to the Company and showed a healthy unrestricted start up position of £109,209.

The sustainability of the Association was in part dependent upon the old Borough Councils provision of grant funding which has now reduced to nil. We have addressing this by increasing the current occupancy rate and seeking other sources of funding. We restructured and increased the rates of hire from 1st April 2020, which were initially restricted to new bookings, but have applied to all users from April 2021, and intend to increase rates again in March 2023.

Previously use has been made of the Furlough Scheme and Hospitality and Leisure sector Grants. Despite the previous lost income, the grant aid and reductions in overheads have meant that the financial position was that not much of the reserves have been needed to be used, this has partly reflected into the year of account particularly as the buildings have not had so much wear and tear in the past two years.

Our users have post Covid largely returned, but in the meantime, we do have sufficient Reserves to carry us through, and we plan to make more use of Grant Aid in future. To this purpose we have added a new post of Finance & Fundraising Officer, to be able to concentrate on such claims for us.

After the nine years of operation by the company the financial position is reasonably healthy however the trend has been for outgoings to exceed incomes thus, we are using up our reserves.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees Reserves Policy includes three months running costs and provision to cover the fitting out, refurbishment and maintenance of the building. A substantial part of this reserve is set aside against future deterioration of the 1930's element of the existing building which has been improved, but de-facto remains a temporary building.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for re-development of at least part of the buildings had previously been anticipated but came to nothing. Little in the way of long-term planning had been made other than to try and increase use of our facilities to make them more robust and sustainable. We are continuing to maintain what we can inside the building, using the funds built up. As part of the new arrangements, we were required to produce a business plan, which contains proposals for more marketing and community development with a view to further increasing the use of the building

We have decided to extend our employee base on a limited basis to include a Manager and the previously mentioned Fundraising Officer increasing the full time equivalent from 1.4 persons to 1.7 persons based on a 35-hour week, a 20% increase.

We continue to meet with other Community Centres through WNC's Community Centre Forum, both formally and informally. This allows us to share best practice and discuss mutual co-operation in the sector locally which is very helpful. This has allowed us to share best practise and adjust some of our contract arrangements to reduce costs. It has also allowed us to investigate other Grant funding opportunities, so far with limited success.

The Trustees/Board had been in discussion with the Friends of Abington Library as to how we can help with the transfer of that Library to a Community Managed Library. The former County Council no longer wished to operate that Library but was prepared for it to continue in operation if a suitable agreement can be reached to do so. The Trustees had agreed to a proposal which would mean the Association taking on the Lease of the Abington Library building, and the Friends of Abington Library undertaking the running of the library. In effect it would become a joint venture. The business case had been agreed with the County Council, but then all came to a stop with the covid-19 problems. The Friends have had temporary access under a Tenancy at Will arrangement. Negotiations have now re-started with West Northamptonshire Council to complete the task but are progressing slowly.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The main Public Benefit is to the citizens of Northampton, and in particular the inhabitants of the Abington Estate/Headlands Ward in providing them with facilities to perform various activities. Typical of the use of the facility is the list of activities described above. Additional specific examples are by making rooms available to selected groups at no charge, where applicable, and reduced rental has been specifically agreed for various sessions, other Charities, and occasional fund-raising events by individuals, or organisations for other charities for example National Citizens Service.

OTHER INFORMATION

Thanks to one of our Trustees the Association has recently renewed the main Website on the Internet. The most up to date Website is www.abingtoncc.co.uk. Most of our enquiries are through the Website but also Email or phone. We also have a Facebook address which is AbingtonCC, which is functional but not as effective as we would like.

Occasional use has been made of the services of the husband of our former cleaner as a maintenance worker at very reasonable rates.

This report was approved by the directors at a Board Meeting held on 20th December 2022, and signed on their behalf by:

A.R Skinner Company Secretary

The Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for

- Preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

- Selecting suitable accounting policies (as described on page 11) and then applying them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

- Safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

- Confirming that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing documents and the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities 2005.

- Confirming that reference has been made to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and Objectives and in planning future activities, and in particular that it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

- Considering how planned activities will contribute to the Aims and Objectives.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATON
Registered Charity Number: 1151292

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on the attached pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our 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 of 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 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:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

    have not been met; or

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

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT ACIE
23rd May 2023

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(A Company Limited By Guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestric	Restricted	Total 2022	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		16,128	1,750	17,878	34,225	-	34,225
Charitable Activities	1	35,559	15,743	51,302	2,405	1,827	4,232
Investments		360	-	360	804	5	809
Other		-	-	-			-
Total income and endowments		**52,047**	**17,493**	**69,540**	37,434	1,832	39,266
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	60,074	13,477	73,551	43,995	2,846	46,841
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		**60,074**	**13,477**	**73,551**	43,995	2,846	46,841
Transfer between funds		-					
Net movement in funds		(8,027)	4,016	(4,011)	(6,561)	(1,014)	(7,575)
Total funds brought forward held by Groups		-	3,048	3,048	-	3,767	3,767
Total funds brought forward held by NACA		108,287	5,613	113,900	114,848	5,908	120,756
Total funds carried forward		**100,260**	**12,677**	**112,937**	108,287	8,661	116,948

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities shown above.

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022 — **Company Number: 08391210**

	Notes	Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS:					
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	12,191	-	12,191	16,853
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	5,452	-	5,452	5,205
Stocks		1,052	-	1,052	780
Investments	6	79,524	5,348	84,872	84,339
Cash at Bank		6,206	3,290	9,496	11,958
Cash in Hand		125	-	125	125
Funds held by Groups		-	4,039	4,039	3,048
		92,359	12,677	105,036	105,455
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,290)	-	(4,290)	(5,360)
		(4,290)	-	(4,290)	(5,360)
Net Current Assets		88,069	12,677	100,746	100,095
NET ASSETS		**100,260**	**12,677**	**112,937**	116,948

FUNDS			Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	General		92,760	-	92,760	100,787
	Designated	8	7,500	-	7,500	7,500
			100,260	-	100,260	108,287
Restricted		9	-	12,677	12,677	8,661
			100,260	**12,677**	**112,937**	116,948

For the year ending 31st March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

(ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

(iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved at a meeting of Directors on 25th April 2023 and signed on their behalf.

A R Skinner Company Secretary/Financial Director

The notes on pages 10 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Format
The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds account in that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fixed Assets
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets. The depreciation is calculated as 20% per annum, straight line method.
Short life assets over 2 years

Stocks
Any stocks of cleaning materials and stationery held are valued at cost.

Incoming Resources
Income is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Investment Income
Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Gifts in Kind and Donated Services and Facilities
Gifts in kind, donated facilities and voluntary help, are not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practical to quantify such income.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and brought into account in the year in which it is due.

Group Funds
Group Funds are included in the consolidated accounts. As all funds relate to specific groups they are considered to be restricted.

Designated Funds
Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects

Reserves
The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

Risk
The Directors/Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.
The organisation has insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

			Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Note 1	**Charitable Activities**		£	£	£	£
	Storage		82	-	82	91
	Subscriptions		35	-	35	-
	Other Social Events		63	-	63	10
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Room Hire		32,810	-	32,810	2,208
	Sundry		1,549	-	1,549	4
	Groups		-	15,743	15,743	1,827
	Canteen		1,020	-	1,020	92
			35,559	**15,743**	**51,302**	4,232
Note 2	**Charitable Activities**					
	Employment Costs	3	25,633	-	25,633	24,194
	Printing, postage, stationery and advertising		1,088	-	1,088	448
	Telephones		1,850	-	1,850	1,604
	Subscriptions donations and presentations		40	-	40	-
	Rates and water rates		657	-	657	184
	Heating and electricity		7,160	-	7,160	2,478
	Marketing, publicity		-	-	-	-
	Insurance		819	-	819	799
	Leasehold Rent		240	-	240	240
	Repairs and renewals		4,933	-	4,933	4,348
	Cleaning expenses		2,884	-	2,884	2,190
	Outings		-	-	-	-
	Social Events		1,151	-	1,151	1,340
	Groups Expenses		-	13,477	13,477	2,546
	Sundry expenses		1,161	-	1,161	53
	Canteen Purchases		696	-	696	285
	Governance Costs		-			
	General expenses - (incl payroll charges)		701	-	701	764
	Professional Fees		5,758	-	5,758	983
	Independent Examination		641	-	641	594
	Depreciation		4,662	-	4,662	3,791
			60,074	**13,477**	**73,551**	46,841
Note 3	**Employment costs**					
	Gross salaries		25,418	-	25,418	23,785
	Employer N I		-	-	-	-
	Employer Pension		197	-	197	409
	DBS Checks		-	-	-	-
	Travel		-	-	-	-
	Training		18	-	18	-
			25,633	**-**	**25,633**	24,194

There are no employees being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees by head count during the year was 3 (2021:3).

Key Management personnel in the year were the Directors/Trustees no remuneration was paid.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 4	**Tangible Assets**	**Furniture & Equipment** £	**Total 2022** £	**Total 2021** £
	Cost			
	Brought forward	66,590	66,590	51,289
	Additions during year	-	-	15,301
	Disposal	-	-	-
		66,590	**66,590**	66,590
	Depreciation			
	Brought forward	49,737	49,737	45,946
	Charge during the year	4,662	4,662	3,791
	Disposals	-	-	-
		54,399	**54,399**	49,737
				-
	Net Book value			
	Balance at 31.03.22	**12,191**	**12,191**	
	Balance at 31.03.21			16,853

Note 5	**Debtors**	**2022** £	**2021** £
	Rents in arrears	2,029	2,157
	Payments in advance	1,622	1,565
	Balance Held by CVS	-	-
	Sundry Debtors	1,801	1,483
	HMRC	-	-
		5,452	5,205

Note 6	**Investments**	**Unrestricted** £	**Restricted** £	**2022** £	**2021** £
	National Savings Bank	-	671	671	671
	Market Harborough Building Society	49,524	4,677	54,201	53,668
	Virgin Money	30,000	-	30,000	30,000
		79,524	**5,348**	**84,872**	84,339

Note 7	**Creditors**		
	Amounts falling due in one year.	(2,540)	(3,854)
	Accruals	(1,750)	(1,506)
		(4,290)	(5,360)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 8 Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

	Balance at 01.04.21	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.22
	£	£	£	£	£
Building refurbishment provision	7,500	-	-	-	**7,500**

West Northants Council own the building, but fitting out the building for use is the responsibility of the NACA.
The building fund has been designated by the trustees to cover fitting out any new building or if the expected development does not take place refurbish the old building.

Note 9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01.04.21	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.22
Tigers & Cubs Childminding Group	7	240	(238)	-	10
Craft Group	13	-	-	-	13
Phoenix Club	240	6,507	(5,703)	-	1,044
Over 55's	297	-	-	-	297
Table Tennis Fund	375	1,268	(517)	-	1,126
Railway Group Fund	23	-	-	-	23
Youth Group Fund	139	1,096	(752)	-	483
Acorns Playgroup	5	69	(55)	-	19
Folk Dancers	51	-	-	-	51
Xmas Day	671	-	-	-	671
Canteen Welfare Fund	5	-	-	-	5
Northampton Town Council	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Rank Org. Pebble grant		750	-	-	750
Bowls Group Fund	4,028	3,706	(3,571)	-	4,163
Over 50's Keep Fit	-	1,235	(1,109)	-	126
Sunny Smiles	32	-	-	-	32
Camera Club	2,058	1,225	(1,292)	-	1,991
Art Group	717	396	(240)	-	873
	8,661	17,492	(13,477)	-	12,677
Held by NACA for Groups	5,613				8,638
Funds held by Groups	3,048				4,039
	8,661				**12,677**

Northampton Town Council grants is for repairs to the concertina doors between the New Hall and Ralph Skinner room.
Rank Organisation Pebble grant is for the improvement to the heating system.

Note 10 Trustees

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.
The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £46 (2021:£22)

Note 11 Operating Lease Commitments

On 30th March 2012 Northampton Abington Community Association entered into a 30 year lease agreement with Northampton Borough Council with an annual payment of £240

Note 12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are listed in the Annual Report.

Note 13 Related Party Transactions

Related party entries are any payments to Northampton Town and West Northants Councils as statutory members.
It should also be noted that Olga Karlasova the mother of former Trustee Aleksandra Kreicberga who resigned in March 2022, Olga Karlasova earned £7,751 (2021: £5,068) during the year.

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1151292

Accounts

Company Number: 08391210

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NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR END

31st MARCH 2021

Northampton Abington Community Association
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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Company Number:	8391210
Registered Charity Number:	1151292
Board of Directors:	Mr A.R. Skinner – Financial Director Mr R. Leathersich Ms Aleksandra Kreicberga Mr M Sawyer Miss M.C. Heath Miss G.L. Lewis Mr M.E.J. Brown
Company Secretary:	Mr A. R. Skinner
Registered Office:	2 Wheatfield Road South Northampton NN3 2HH
Independent examiner:	CVS Northamptonshire 32-36 Hazelwood Road Northampton NN1 1LN
Bankers:	Co-operative Bank PLC PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Solicitors:	Tollers LLP 1, Waterside Way Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7XD

The Board of Trustees has pleasure in presenting this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The unincorporated organisation was originally formed in 1949 and operated in accordance with a constitution, which was last renewed on 14th January 1998.

The Incorporated Association of the same name which was formed as a Company limited by guarantee No 8391210 on 6th February 2013 registered in England and Wales at 2, Wheatfield Road South and registered as Charity No 1151292 on 19th March 2013 took over all the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated Association with effect from 1st April 2013.

The Association's Board are the Charity Trustees, and were initially appointed by and from the General Committee of the unincorporated Association above, and subsequently supplemented by new Directors co-opted by the Board and approved at subsequent AGMs. A list of the Trustee's/Directors and their positions and periods of service during the financial year appears on Page 1

Trustees are sought by nomination partly from the Associations sections (or groups) and affiliated organisations, partly from the users of the Centre and by invitation to suitable applicants to fills skill gaps. The board may co-opt directors subject to vacancies which are formally confirmed at subsequent AGM's.

Board Trustee meetings are normally held monthly, between meetings day-to-day decisions are delegated to the Officers, in particular the Chairman or Secretary, but in general all decisions are taken by the Board.

The Association has continued to manage Abington Community Centre, with help and guidance from the former Northampton Borough Council (NBC), now the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council (WNC) the main related party and freehold owners of the building, in continuation with arrangements in force since the formation of the original Association in 1949.

As part of the Management Agreements and Lease it was a requirement that the Association become incorporated in some form, and it was decided to become a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company is responsible for the running of the Community Centre including all finance and maintenance of the inside of the building. The Council is responsible for the outside maintenance of the building.

Risk management considerations have so far been restricted to those that can be insured for; financially the Association would be covered for fire and theft etc. However the loss of the building would be a serious problem to the Association should it ever occur, and it was for that reason that previous Officers and Members built up a substantial reserve of funds with the intention of investing those monies in new buildings if and when available. The lease provides for 30 years of security, but it is now already 9 years spent and there are conditions to be met in the Management Agreement in order to retain low rents, and thus ensuring effective financial viability.

In March 2020 just before Covid-19 closed everything down a General Meeting was held to amend the Articles of Association of the Company in respect of Membership. Persons from outside the Area of Benefit (Abington) can no longer be members, (unless they are Board Members) and a new category of voting members for General Meetings was established for up to two elected representatives of Centre Sections. The meeting although poorly attended received sufficient proxy votes for approval and was duly confirmed by the Companies Registrar and the Charities Commission

As a result of the Covid-19 emergency the Centre closed on 21st March 2020 and re-opened on 1st October 2020 and then only in limited areas as permitted by government regulations. The regulations varied between October and March 2021 at different times permitting activities for general purposes, activities for children, religious activity and Education purposes. During this time strict protocols were in place to limit occupation in all rooms to ¼ what had been allowed previously allowed to aid social distancing.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Objects of the Association are to provide to the people of Abington and the neighbourhood in an all inclusive way, with the help of local inhabitants and authorities and other organisations to maintain a welcoming place for activities of a social, educational or leisure time nature, and to improve their conditions of life. The Association provides rooms for activities to take place in. In some instances the Association runs the activities itself, or via a Group of Members (a Section), or via Other Group or Individuals to use. It organises Social activities, outings and runs a catering facility (associated with users only).

In normal times the Association directly runs a Bingo session fortnightly on a Saturday Afternoon and other social events on an occasional basis. The Associations Groups (or Centre Sections) run a Monday Afternoon Art Group, a Monday Afternoon, Tuesday Evening, Wednesday Afternoon, Thursday Morning and Sunday Evening Bowls Group, a Monday Evening Photographic Club, a Tuesday Afternoon Over 55's Group, a Wednesday Evening Table Tennis Group, a Thursday Morning Tigers & Cubs Childminders term time Group and a Saturday Morning Phoenix Children's term time Group all meeting weekly except as indicated and subject to differing out of season arrangements when some Groups do not meet.

The normal regular hirers include/included, Christ Apostolic Church on a Sunday Morning and on the last Saturday morning, Gethsemane Miracle Ministry on a Sunday Morning, Logini Tamil Dance Class also on a Sunday Morning, the Friends of Jesus Christ on Sunday afternoons, Presbyterian Church on a Sunday Afternoon, Ingeus provide a Diabetes Prevention Session on a Monday Evening, a Monday, Tuesday and Friday early evening Training Class, a Monday evening LEL's Counselling session, Paradise Pearls Muslim Education meet at various times on Monday Wednesday Thursday and certain Saturday afternoons, Al-Noor Islamic School on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's provide an after school Islamic class, Age UK Keep Fit classes on a Tuesday morning, Busy BHes Children's Workshops on Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons, a Banyan Tree Art Therapy Session on a Tuesday afternoon, Affinity Dog Training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, The Church of Pentecost on Wednesday morning and Friday and Saturday Evenings, Dag Karate on Monday, Thursday and Saturday Afternoons, a Fitness Group on a Wednesday afternoon, Kema Music School on a Thursday and Friday Evening, a Darby & Joan Club on a Friday Afternoon, also on a Friday evening a Music practice Session an ETY Youth Club on a Friday Evening, a British Cactus Society certain months on a Friday Evening. A Latvian School twice a month on a Saturday Morning, and Gethsemane Presbyterian

Church Meeting on a Saturday Evening. Other hires included Training sessions for various organisations on a weekday and Weddings, Birthday Parties, Baby Showers etc. took place on an individual basis throughout the year, mainly on Saturdays

Please note that due to Covid-19, the activities described above are those that took place in early March 2020, only a few of these activities took place in the year ending 31st March 2021.

Nominal spare capacity does exist; however with the arrival of new hirers, some blocks are now well filled particularly on Sunday's and Monday Afternoons, and increasingly weekday evenings.

A part time Caretaker, Cleaner, Finance Assistant and Administrator are employed, however much of the activities undertaken by the Association are of a voluntary nature. The Association needs to thank the many volunteers, including Trustees/Directors in other capacities, who by their efforts make a substantial but unquantifiable contribution to the running of the Association, much of the Associations success has been due to their efforts.

Section numbers have generally stabilized following a downhill trend with a number of deaths of section members, but the additions of some new Centre Groups/Sections has helped. The age profile is still heavily skewed to the retired age group that puts a strain on the organisation, and is causing a potential problem with volunteers to keep the Centre going in the near future leading to the recruitment of additional employees.

The Trustees have taken the decision that hires involving Alcohol will not normally be allowed.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The main achievement for the year is survival of the Association; this has been achieved largely because of Government Grants. Firstly the Job Relief or Furlough Grants have enabled us to recover nearly 80% of our staff costs, but secondly the various schemes for local authorities to pay Grants to the Hospitality and Leisure Sectors have covered all of our other costs. We have been able to take advantage of closure to provide a new floor to the Old Hall, and tidy up a few areas.

The above nominal list of activities means that the Community Centre has a potentially healthy number of activities. The nominal list has largely been able to return to the Centre, with a few changes and continues to represent the bookings we now have.

Due to the part time nature of our staff a security system was fitted which allows users access with a code during the open periods, and allows them to admit visitors from the main function rooms without having to go to the front door.

The folding doors in the Ralph Skinner Room are in need of further expensive repairs, and we have received offers of assistance from the new Northampton Town Council to repair or replace these. We have continued to maintain and keep the inside of the building a welcoming place, but on a minimal cost basis during this particular year.

This year, there has been an increase in the evidence of vandalism. The problems caused by a number of youths on the exterior, and particularly the roof of the building have returned with a new generation, this has however not been helped by a fence to the rear of the buildings, which is relatively low and can easily be used to access the roof. Work continues with the assistance of the local PCSO's to establish measures to prevent access, however external works are the prerogative of the Council but limited works to the neighbours fence appear to have mitigated the problems.

As a result of the adjoining lands on the northern and western perimeters to the building having been redeveloped for housing we lost the car parking we had and are now left with on street parking only. This has caused potential hirers to not book, and can cause problems when we have a lot of occupants. We have requested the Council to provide some parking bays to formalise the situation outside the building so far without a solution. The former County Council were willing to consider it, but only if we financed the work at considerable expense. We continue to liaise with local residents and our new Councillors to minimise the problems, however real solutions are not under our control.

Existing users have largely been stabilized, and we are seeing a reasonable growth in bookings, particularly in the daytime, this may be partly arising from our website and promotions. However many enquirers have we believe been put off from using the facilities due to the non-availability of off street Parking. Despite a significant number of one-off enquiries not many of them have resulted in bookings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On the 1st April 2013 the assets of the Old Association were transferred to the Company and showed a healthy unrestricted start up position of £109,209.

The sustainability of the Association was in part dependent upon the Borough Councils provision of grant funding which has now reduced to nil. We have addressing this by increasing the current occupancy rate and seeking other sources of funding. We restructured and increased the rates of hire for 1st April 2020, which were initially restricted to new bookings, but have applied to all users from April 2021.

During the year use has been made of Grants specifically to the sector, and the Furlough Scheme to restrict the effective costs of our staff that have been on 100% Wages throughout the shutdown, and in particular use has also been made of partial furlough as appropriate. Despite considerable lost income the grant aid and reductions in overheads have meant that the financial position is that not much of the reserves have been needed to be used while closed, or on limited use.

Beyond the year end the above remains the current position; however from September our users have largely returned, but in the meantime we do have sufficient Reserves to carry us through

After the eighth year of operation by the company the financial position is reasonably healthy however the trend has been for outgoings to exceed incomes thus we are using up our reserves which include grants that had previously been provided by the Borough Council not utilised in our years of surplus.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees Reserves Policy includes three months running costs and provision to cover the fitting out, refurbishment and maintenance of the building. A substantial part of this reserve is set aside against future deterioration of the 1930's element of the existing building which has been improved, but de-facto remains a temporary building.

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for re-development of at least part of the buildings had previously been anticipated but came to nothing. Little in the way of long term planning had been made other than to try and increase use of our facilities to make them more robust and sustainable. We are continuing to maintain what we can inside the building, using the funds built up. As part of the new arrangements we were required to produce a business plan, which contains proposals for more marketing and community development with a view to further increasing the use of the building

We replaced the Old Hall Floor and had to replace our Central Heating Gas boiler following condemnation during the year.

We continue to meet with other Community Centres through NBC's Community Centre Forum, both formally and informally. This allows us to share best practice and discuss mutual co-operation in the sector locally which is very helpful. This has allowed us to share best practise, and adjust some of our contract arrangements to reduce costs. It has also allowed us to investigate other Grant funding opportunities, so far with little success.

The Trustees/Board had been in discussion with the Friends of Abington Library as to how we can help with the transfer of that Library to a Community Managed Library. The former County Council no longer wished to operate that Library but was prepared for it to continue in operation if a suitable agreement can be reached to do so. The Trustees had agreed to a proposal which would mean the Association taking on the Lease of the Abington Library building, and the Friends of Abington Library undertaking the running of the Library. In effect it would become a joint venture. The business case had been agreed with the County Council, but then all came to a stop with the covid-19 problems. The Friends have had temporary access under a Tenancy at Will arrangement. Negotiations have now re-started with West Northamptonshire Council to complete the task.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The main Public Benefit is to the citizens of Northampton, and in particular the inhabitants of Abington in providing them with facilities to perform various activities. Typical of the use of the facility is the list of activities described above. Additional specific examples are by making rooms available to selected groups at no charge, where applicable, and reduced rental has been specifically agreed for various sessions, other Charities, and occasional fund raising events by individuals, or organisations for other charities for example National Citizens Service.

OTHER INFORMATION

Thanks to one of our Trustees the Association has recently renewed the main Website on the Internet. The most up to date Website is www.abingtoncc.co.uk. Most of our enquiries are through the Website or Email or phone. We also have a Facebook address which is AbingtonCC, which is functional but not as effective as we would like.

Occasional use has been made of the services of the husband of our cleaner as a maintenance worker at very reasonable rates.

This report was approved by the directors at a Board Meeting held on 14th December 2021, and signed on their behalf by:

A.R Skinner Company Secretary

The Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for

- Preparing financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

- Selecting suitable accounting policies (as described on page 11) and then applying them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.

- Preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

- Safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

- Confirming that the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing documents and the requirements of Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities 2005.

- Confirming that reference has been made to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and Objectives and in planning future activities, and in particular that it has complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011.

- Considering how planned activities will contribute to the Aims and Objectives.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity Number: 1151292

We report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on the attached pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our 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 of 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 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:
    - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
    - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

    have not been met; or

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

Brenda Peers-Ross

Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT, ACIE
22nd February 2022

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(A Company Limited By Guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestric	Restricted	Total 2021	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		34,225	-	34,225	583	3,250	3,833
Charitable Activities	1	2,405	1,827	4,232	46,330	13,515	59,845
Investments		804	5	809	1,020	5	1,025
Other		-	-	-			-
Total income and endowments		**37,434**	**1,832**	**39,266**	47,933	16,770	64,703
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	43,995	2,846	46,841	60,015	16,531	76,546
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		**43,995**	**2,846**	**46,841**	60,015	16,531	76,546
Transfer between funds		-					
Net movement in funds		(6,561)	(1,014)	(7,575)	(12,082)	239	(11,843)
Total funds brought forward held by Groups		-	3,767	3,767	-	4,502	4,502
Total funds brought forward held by NACA		114,848	5,908	120,756	126,930	4,934	131,864
Total funds carried forward		**108,287**	**8,661**	**116,948**	114,848	9,675	124,523

All of the activities of the charitable company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities shown above.

NORTHAMPTON ABINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(A Company Limited By Guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021 — **Company Number: 08391210**

	Notes	Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS:					
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	16,853	-	16,853	5,343
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	5,205	-	5,205	6,369
Stocks		780	-	780	950
Investments	6	78,726	5,613	84,339	110,685
Cash at Bank		11,958	-	11,958	3,155
Cash in Hand		125	-	125	125
Funds held by Groups		-	3,048	3,048	3,767
		96,794	8,661	105,455	125,051
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,360)	-	(5,360)	(5,871)
		(5,360)	-	(5,360)	(5,871)
Net Current Assets		91,434	8,661	100,095	119,180
NET ASSETS		**108,287**	**8,661**	**116,948**	124,523

FUNDS			Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
			£	£	£	£
Unrestricted	General		100,787	-	100,787	106,407
	Designated	8	7,500	-	7,500	8,441
			108,287	-	108,287	114,848
Restricted		9	-	8,661	8,661	9,675
			108,287	**8,661**	**116,948**	124,523

For the year ending 31st March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

(ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

(iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved at a meeting of Directors on 21st February 2022 and signed on their behalf.

A R Skinner Company Secretary/Financial Director

The notes on pages 10 - 15 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The financial statements of the Charitable Company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Format
The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds account in that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fixed Assets
Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets. The depreciation is calculated as 20% per annum, straight line method.
Short life assets over 2 years

Stocks
Any stocks of cleaning materials and stationery held are valued at cost.

Incoming Resources
Income is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Investment Income
Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Gifts in Kind and Donated Services and Facilities
Gifts in kind, donated facilities and voluntary help, are not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practical to quantify such income.

Resources Expended
Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and brought into account in the year in which it is due.

Group Funds
Group Funds are included in the consolidated accounts. As all funds relate to specific groups they are considered to be restricted.

Designated Funds
Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects

Reserves
The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets.

Risk
The Directors/Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.
The organisation has insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

			Unrestricte	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
Note 1	**Charitable Activities**		£	£	£	£
	Storage		91	-	91	391
	Subscriptions		-	-	-	497
	Other Social Events		10	-	10	510
	Outings		-	-	-	239
	Room Hire		2,208	-	2,208	41,543
	Sundry		4	-	4	1
	Groups		-	1,827	1,827	13,515
	Canteen		92	-	92	3,149
			2,405	**1,827**	**4,232**	59,845
Note 2	**Charitable Activities**					
	Employment Costs	3	24,194	-	24,194	27,393
	Printing, postage, stationery and advertising		448	-	448	1,219
	Telephones		1,604	-	1,604	1,434
	Subscriptions donations and presentations		-	-	-	171
	Rates and water rates		184	-	184	799
	Heating and electricity		2,478	-	2,478	5,880
	Marketing, publicity		-	-	-	288
	Insurance		799	-	799	843
	Leasehold Rent		240	-	240	240
	Repairs and renewals		4,048	300	4,348	10,007
	Cleaning expenses		2,190	-	2,190	2,802
	Outings		-	-	-	530
	Social Events		1,340	-	1,340	1,221
	Groups Expenses		-	2,546	2,546	13,531
	Sundry expenses		53	-	53	815
	Canteen Purchases		285	-	285	2,044
	Governance Costs					
	General expenses - (incl payroll charges)		764	-	764	901
	Professional Fees		983	-	983	2,023
	Independent Examination		594	-	594	615
	Depreciation		3,791	-	3,791	3,791
			43,995	**2,846**	**46,841**	76,547
Note 3	**Employment costs**					
	Gross salaries		23,785	-	23,785	27,154
	Employer N I		-	-	-	-
	Employer Pension		409	-	409	189
	DBS Checks		-	-	-	41
	Travel		-	-	-	9
	Training		-	-	-	-
			24,194	**-**	**24,194**	27,393

There are no employees being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees by head count during the year was 3 (2020:3).

Key Management personnel in the year were the Directors/Trustees no remuneration was paid.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 4	Tangible Assets	Furniture & Equipment £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Cost			
	Brought forward	51,289	51,289	51,289
	Additions during year	15,301	15,301	-
	Disposal	-	-	-
		66,590	**66,590**	51,289
	Depreciation			
	Brought forward	45,946	45,946	42,155
	Charge during the year	3,791	3,791	3,791
	Disposals	-	-	-
		49,737	**49,737**	45,946
				-
	Net Book value			
	Balance at 31.03.21	**16,853**	**16,853**	
	Balance at 31.03.20			5,343

Note 5	Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
	Rents in arrears	2,157	2,004
	Payments in advance	1,565	1,589
	Balance Held by CVS	-	-
	Sundry Debtors	1,483	2,776
	HMRC	-	-
		5,205	6,369

Note 6	Investments	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	National Savings Bank	-	671	671	666
	Market Harborough Building Society	48,726	4,942	53,668	53,019
	Virgin Money	30,000	-	30,000	57,000
		78,726	**5,613**	**84,339**	110,685

Note 7	Creditors		
	Amounts falling due in one year.	(3,854)	(3,234)
	Accruals	(1,506)	(2,637)
		(5,360)	(5,871)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 8 Designated Funds

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

	Balance at 01.04.20	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Building refurbishment provision	8,441	-	(941)	-	**7,500**

Northampton Borough Council own the building, but fitting out the building for use is the responsibility of the NACA.
The building fund has been designated by the trustees to cover fitting out any new building or if the expected development does not take place refurbish the old building.

Note 9 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01.04.20	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer	Balance 31.03.21
Mon/Wed Bowlers	-	-	-	-	-
Tigers & Cubs Childminding Group	18	9	(20)	-	7
Craft Group	12	1	-	-	13
Phoenix Club	373	1,793	(1,926)	-	240
Over 55's	297	-	-	-	297
Table Tennis Fund	352	23	-	-	375
Railway Group Fund	23	-	-	-	23
Youth Group Fund	139	-	-	-	139
Acorns Playgroup	5	-	-	-	5
Folk Dancers	51	-	-	-	51
Xmas Day	666	5	-	-	671
Canteen Welfare Fund	5	-	-	-	5
Hollowell Steam Rally Trust	250	-	(250)	-	-
Bowls Group Fund	4,078	-	(50)	-	4,028
Sunny Smiles	32	-	-	-	32
Camera Club	2,658	2	(602)	-	2,058
Art Group	716	1	-	-	717
	9,675	1,834	(2,848)	-	8,661
Held by NACA for Groups	5,908				5,613
Funds held by Groups	3,767				3,048
	9,675				**8,661**

Note 10 Trustees

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.
The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £22 (2020:£4)

Note 11 Operating Lease Commitments

On 30th March 2012 Northampton Abington Community Association entered into a 30 year lease agreement with Northampton Borough Council with an annual payment of £240

Note 12 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is under the ultimate control of its trustees, whose names are listed in the Annual Report.

Note 13 Related Party Transactions

Related party entries are any payments to Northampton Borough Council, as a statutory member, plus payments to Vlad Kreicberga now estranged husband of board member/trustee Aleksandra Kreicberga totalling £nil (2020:£485) . The items have been charged at very reasonable rates and often minor items has not been charged for.
It should also be noted that Olga Karlasova the mother of Trustee Aleksandra Kreicberga remains and Anastasija Kreicberga the mother in Law of the same director was also employed during 2019, but has now left the staff of the association.
Olga Karlasova earned £5,068 (2020: £5,108) and Anastasija Kreicberga £nil (2020 £4,008), during the year.