

MATTERDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

Period start date

Period end date

From 01 04 2024 To 31 03 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name MATTERDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Registered charity number 1151528

Charity's principal address The Old Vicarage

Matterdale

Penrith

CA11 0LD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	
1	Veronica Gore	Chair		
2	Jane Newport	Secretary		
3	Mark Nixon	Treasurer		
4	Alison Ball			
5	Simon Ball			
6	Emma Bray			
7	Brian Clark			
8	Peter Crofts			
9	David Harrison			
10	Paddy Palmer			
11	Anna Williams			
12	Steve Williams			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 15/1/13
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointment by existing trustees or election at the AGM by members present,

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(1) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Matterdale and adjacent parishes without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

(2) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

(3) To advance education for the benefit of the public through the provision of educational grants to young people under the age of 25 who are resident in Matterdale with any funds that are not required for the maintenance or development of the property.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Public Benefit

Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit as activities have been planned and undertaken within the objects of the Matterdale Community Association during the period covered by this Trustees Report (April 2024 to May 2025).

Please see the summary of the main activities in Section D below.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Activities April 2024 to March 2025

Administration & Communications

The trustees meet approximately every two or three months during the year. Communication with members and the wider community has been through the MCA website, emails to members from the MCA Secretary, Ullswater Together, posters' Matterdale Nextdoor and through social media. As well as advertising MCA events we also provide links to websites of other village halls and have advertised some of their upcoming events.

Community Hall

There have been significant developments regarding the possible replacement community hall for the valley. The community has been very fortunate that a local designer has worked for a nominal consideration to show that a smaller, but useful, building would be achievable within budget. The revised plans were presented to the community on two open days in October 2024 by the Matterdale School Foundation (MSF) and were supported by the majority of those who made comments. Suggestions for activities and events were also received. The Lake District National Park (LDNP) has now given planning permission for this smaller replacement facility.

MSF subsequently requested that MCA revise the previous Business Case to take account of the smaller facility. Trustees have spent the first few months of 2025 working on this document which is nearing completion and will be presented to MSF in May 2025. MSF are yet to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the revised plan which will be dependent on the viability of the Business Plan, and fuller build costings coming in within budget.

MCA trustees were invited to a meeting with Hellen Aitken from Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT), organised by Matterdale Parish Council (MPC). At this meeting the relationship between the three

organisations (MSF, MPC, MCA) was discussed with a view to clarifying the options for ownership of the proposed new facility and site, and some aspects of the lease agreement with MCA for the running of the Centre. This work is ongoing.

Community Events

The planning and organising of events are undertaken by the Virtual Village Hall committee (VVH), a subcommittee of MCA comprised of trustees and members. In the absence of a dedicated space, events are organised in a number of venues. The new owner of The Royal Hotel made available, on a temporary basis, a large room called The Studio, at the back of the Hotel, for MCA organised events and activities. This enabled the VVH to expand the range of events and activities offered. It has also enabled MCA to have an easily accessible venue for meetings of various kinds.

The VVH organises several regular events including a weekly outdoor fitness class led by a local fitness instructor held on the meadow at the Royal Hotel. The Royal also hosts the well-attended bi-monthly quiz. One quiz was held in aid of Another Way, a local environmental charity for young people. Badminton is organised weekly at Watermillock Village Hall from September to June. There is also a monthly film club which was held in people's homes, but which may move more regularly to the Studio now that is available. The two steel pans groups continue to meet in a local barn, and it's planned that they will perform at an event to mark VJ Day in August 2025.

The availability of the Studio has also enabled VVH to organise a number of craft/skills sharing workshops and games evenings, and to start showing a series of films as part of the community cinema initiative led by Cine North. A local teacher took a popular yoga session for a few weeks, but unfortunately had to stop because of other commitments.

Other events at the Royal Hotel included a Halloween event with pumpkin carving, dressing up and other Halloween fun, and a Beetle Drive.

August saw the second Matterdale Summer Day held on the recreation field. This was a well-attended and successful event with Dog Agility demonstrations, family dog show, local produce and information stalls, talks, the Paris(h) Olympics, live music, dancing. Thanks are due to MPC and Westmorland and Furness Council for their support in hiring a large marquee; to Curry's Builders for providing the portable toilets; to the donors of items for the "Wishing Tree"; Katie's K9s dog agility; the musicians (Bald Mountain String Band, The Moorland Ukelele Group and The Coats featuring Alex Wilkinson); The Royal for running the bar and to all the stall holders, helpers, and those who lent equipment.

A treasure trail around the valley was also well supported and great fun and showed how much you can see when you really look.

The annual Matterdale croquet tournament was held at Langwathby as in previous years and was enjoyed by all who attended.

At Watermillock Village Hall we organised a Harvest Hop and Supper jointly with WMVH committee. This comprised a bring-and-share supper and very enjoyable attempts at line dancing. MCA also organised a Burns Night including speeches, a much-enjoyed ceilidh

provided by the local Bald Mountain String Band with their caller Sally, as well as Haggis and Neaps and a piper to pipe the haggis in.

The VVH also supported Matterdale Church by organising an Easter egg hunt and refreshments at the Easter Sunday service, and by decorating the church windows for Christmas.

Habitat Survey and Nature group

The habitat survey group re-met in April 2024 to review mapping and practise surveying in preparation for the next season. This was followed by a 3 day group survey of land at the Knotts and Binks Moss. We were fortunate to be joined by 3 members of the Cumbria Flora group who did an extensive species list of these areas. Surveys continue to be digitised by Carla Pont. Further surveys were completed during the summer including land at Baldhowend, Springbank and Walloway. Approximately 10 days of meetings and surveys were held. Members of the group gave a presentation about the project to the Ullswater Breakfast in June.

Nature Education

The Habitat group organised 2 sessions of moth trapping led by Peter McQueen, the first at Foxhill and the second at Crookwath, which were very well attended and enjoyed by all.

In Autumn the group were approached by the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre to be involved in a project for 2025 on Improving Ecological Skills. There are only 3 community groups involved so this is a great opportunity for the Matterdale group.

Oral History Project

In October 2024 an Oral History group was set up to capture remembered histories of life in Matterdale. The group had an initial meeting with the Ambleside Oral history group who have been active since the 1970's and were keen to give advice. Following this the group met and a project outline was drawn up and a training session arranged with Ambleside in January. The group successfully acquired funding from the MCA and the FOUW (£300 from each) for equipment and software. The group have also met with the Carlisle Library Archive who are happy to support the project and accept any audio files and transcripts to their archive. Interviews commenced in February with local people, and to date 8 interviews have been conducted, transcribed and edited. The project is ongoing and has so far met with enthusiasm. A launch is planned for later in the year.

The group has had 7 planning and review meetings so far.

Curlew group

This group was set up in Spring 2024 by Christopher Smith involving volunteers from Matterdale. Monitoring over set areas occurred through spring and summer and a review meeting was held at the end of the season. Unfortunately, results were disappointing. An initial meeting was held in February 2025 which was very well attended and a presentation was given by Christopher and volunteers recruited for this year. A field day was also arranged to practice protecting nest sites with electric fencing. The project is ongoing.

Activities April onwards

Community Events

During these two months, in addition to our regular events, MCA held the second Community Film night. We are planning a concert by a local folk band "Tatties' Ankles", supported by "Muckle Spree", to be held in late May in Matterdale Church. This is jointly organised with the Church and is held in aid of the church improvements. We also plan to hold some events during Big Green week in June and are planning an event at the Royal Hotel to mark VJ Day in August with music and games.

Thanks

There are too many people to thank. MCA would not function without all those who contribute to organise events, chair meetings, write reports, perform at events, write minutes, send out emails, update the website, send photos of events out on social media, support or sponsor our events. Thanks too to all those who came along and took part in the events and who we hope enjoyed themselves, learnt something new, felt fitter, met someone new, and had fun.

Section E

Financial review

Financial Review

The MCA generated a surplus of £151 for the year to 31st March 2025, and helped raise £413 for local charity Another Way and £70 for the Salvation Army Food Bank at the Summer Day.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of The Charity to hold a level of reserves sufficient to maintain its current level of activities into the following year.

Section F

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position

Date


Veronica Gore
Chair
3/6/2025

MATTERDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION		Charity No	1151528
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Incoming resources from generated funds		-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income		-	70	-	70	738
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-	-
Investment income		-	-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities		5,268	-	-	5,268	2,218
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		5,268	70	-	5,338	2,955
Resources expended (Notes 4)						
Costs of Generating Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		4,629	-	-	4,629	1,359
Donations		488	70	-	558	693
Other resources expended		-	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		5,117	70	-	5,187	2,052
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		151	-	-	151	903
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		151	-	-	151	903
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S19	151	-	-	151	903
Total funds brought forward	S20	5,855	-	-	5,855	4,952
Total funds carried forward	S21	6,006	-	-	6,006	5,855

Section B

Balance sheet

	Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets		283	-	-	283	283
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		283	-	-	283	283
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	5	-	-	-	-	150
(Short term) investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		6,005	-	-	6,005	5,922
<i>Total current assets</i>		6,005	-	-	6,005	6,072
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	282	-	-	282	500
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>		5,723	-	-	5,723	5,572
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		6,006	-	-	6,006	5,855
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>		6,006	-	-	6,006	5,855
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds		5,855			5,855	4,952
		151			151	903
Restricted income funds			-		-	-
Endowment funds				-	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>		6,006	-	-	6,006	5,855

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
M A NIXON	M A NIXON	3/6/2025

Section C

Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005); and with Accounting Standards;
- and with the Charities Act.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Note 2

Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES**Recognition of incoming resources**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated services and facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants payable without performance conditions
Support Costs**

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Stocks and work in progress

These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Donations		45
	Penrith SA Food Bank	70	693
	Total	70	738

Activities for generating funds

	-	-
Total	-	-

Incoming resources from charitable activities

Summer Event	3,870	-
Burn's Night	655	945
Folk Night	-	422
Shantyman Evening	-	404
Quiz Nights	274	296
Film Nights	230	-
Craft Fair	100	-
Croquet	75	85
Other activities	64	66
Total	5,268	2,218

Note 4

Analysis of resources expended

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Fundraising trading costs		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Charitable activities

Summer Event	2,967	-
Burn's Night	689	622
Folk Night	-	183
Shantyman Evening	-	260
Film Nights	139	-
Other event costs	132	137
Oral History project	286	-
Website costs	259	-
Meeting & finance costs	-	-
Insurance	157	157
Total	4,629	1,359

Donations

Another Way	413	-
Salvation Army Food Bank	70	693
Penrith Croquet Club	75	-
Total	558	693

Section C

Notes to the accounts

Note 5 Debtors and prepayments

Analysis of debtors

Summer Event marquee deposit

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
-	150		
Total	-	150	-

Note 6 Creditors and accruals

Analysis of creditors

Oral History project

Film hire fees

Grant received for Summer Event marquee (Aug 24)

Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
156	-	-	-
126	-	-	-
-	500	-	-
Total	282	500	-