

**STANLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NO 1155326
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

STANLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHARITY NO 1155326

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

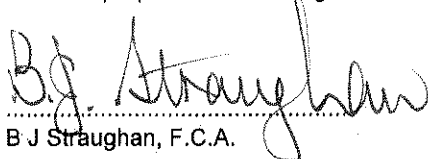
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material aspect:

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

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


B J Straughan, F.C.A.


Date

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
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STANLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NO 1155326
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

RECEIPTS	£ Unrestricted funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ 2024	£ 2023	PAYMENTS	£ Unrestricted funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds 2024	£ Total Funds 2023
Donations									
Misc Donations	2,271		2,271	12,245	Heat & Light	11,934		11,934	17,090
	2,271	0	2,271	12,245	Telephone & Postage	1,263		1,263	1,645
					Water	1,368		1,368	5,624
Trading Activities					Furnishing & Equipment	7,795		7,795	19,436
Charges for use of Facilities					Maintenance	20,146		20,146	20,398
Hire of Centre	65,400		65,400	73,245	Licences & Fees	1,379		1,379	1,078
Events	785		785	566	Printing & Stationery	552		552	996
	66,185		66,185	73,811	Cleaning	1,232		1,232	6,181
Other income					Insurances	914		914	952
Bar takings and catering	11,974		11,974	12,475	Accountancy	804		804	1,380
Investment Income					Sundry	3,304		3,304	1,276
Premium A/c interest	648		648	405	Bar Stock Catering	9,648		9,648	7,517
Total Receipts	81,078	0	81,078	98,936	Events	0		0	200
Total Payments	(60,339)	0	(60,339)	(83,773)	Total Payments	60,339	-	60,339	83,773
Surplus/deficit for the year	20,739	0	20,739	15,163					
Cash and Bank Balances:									
At 1st January 2024	99,619	0	99,619	84,456					
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0					
At 31st December 2024	120,358	0	120,358	99,619					

STANLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NO 1155326
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>MONETARY ASSETS</u>		
Cash In Hand	3,174	1,406
Barclays Bank - Community Account	55,894	57,571
Barclays Bank - Bus. Premium Account	61,290	40,642
Total Funds	120,358	99,619

NOTE

These accounts have been prepared on the "receipts and payments" basis under Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.



Bill Wilkinson Treasurer

18/9/25

Date

For and on behalf of the Trustees

AGM
STANLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SECRETARYS REPORT 2024

18th September 2025

Good Evening,

Thank you for coming to the AGM of Stanley Community Association.

The centre has continued to grow this year, with more bookings and a great deal of interest shown from several organisations as to what we can offer. The feedback we get from our users is always positive. We continue to promote a good community spirit and support smaller organisations/groups as much as we can as The Venue is a hub for everyone to enjoy. The building is well maintained and presented and that's down to the dedicated volunteers.

The gym continues to increase in membership and is well supported. It still remains incredible value for money at only £10 per month, this we hope encourages those on restricted incomes to still enjoy the facility and keep good health.

We have invested in new office furniture and decorated several rooms in order to create a better working environment for both the volunteers and user groups. Further investment has been made to the gym area to offer more variety of equipment.

I would particularly like to thank William Wilkinson, Donna Readmond and Karl Mawson for their dedication to The Venue and their support, and I also would like to thank all volunteers who have helped and supported them over the last year. A big thankyou to the Trustees for their dedication. Thank you.

Mrs A. Wilkinson

A. Wilkinson

Secretary.

AGM
STANLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
TREASURERS REPORT 2024
18TH September 2025

Introduction

I delighted to report that the center has had another very successful year. We continue to invest in both the center and staff where we can see benefits of both. It has been a trying year with changes to the banking system, as laid out in the Barclay's Bank section of this report. We continue to work in a challenging environment, with the cost of living rises, pushing up the operational costs of the building, however, due to prudent measures and implementing new strategies to save money the center along with increased usage/bookings has managed to continue to operate under these difficult times.

2024 Overview

The surplus deficit for the year was up by £5,576 from 2023. There is a noticeable decrease in the payments out which is a significant fall from the previous year. This is contributed to both the installation of the LED lighting and improved procurement.

Barclays Bank

As reported at last years meeting Barclays have closed all the local branches in the area and moved their deposit/withdrawal services to the Post Office. This has created some issues around the depositing of monies due to the limitations set by the Post Office. I will explore other avenues of how we can deposit large amounts of money as it is not prudent to have too much cash on the premises, even though it is held in a safe.

The most significant and improved service from Barclays has come in the form of a debit card which has made paying of invoices and making other purchases a great deal better. We no longer have to rely on members of the team to pay for goods by using their personal bank card then claim the money back through the cash system. This is a much improved way of conducting financial transactions and is fully transparent.

Appointment of Independent Examiners

I would like to propose that we continue to avail the services of B. Straughan as independent examiners, for 2024.


Acknowledgments

I would like to thank all the volunteers and staff at the center for their continued support in assisting me with my day to day duties as Treasurer.

Conclusion

Overall it has been a very successful year for the center. The Venue continues to be a major community hub, supporting a wide variety of groups, organisations and events. Bookings have gone from strength to strength enabling the building to continue to be a viable asset to the area.

Mr. W. Wilkinson



Treasurer

Stanley Community Association

Minutes of AGM

2 OCT 2025

18TH September 2025

Present: A. Wilkinson, S. Herbert, D. Wilson, D. Readman, W. Wilkinson, C. Marshall

Apologies: B. Miles, K. Mawson

Minutes of last meeting : Accepted

Matters Arising: None

Chairs Report: Thank you to everyone and ensuring that we are compliant with the charity commissions regulations. Thank to Donna and Karl for all their hard work and also to the volunteers. I'd like to thank all the users of the centre for choosing to hire our facilities, or support the events etc.

Secretary's Report: See Attached

Treasurer's Report: See Attached

Approval of accounts: The trustees voted unanimously to approve and accept the auditors financial report.

Room Rents/Gym Fees: The trustees discussed this issue and agreed that this matter will be dealt with at the management committee meetings.

Aims and Objectives: The trustees discussed what the aims and objectives should be for the next year.

It was agreed to continue to invest in the building

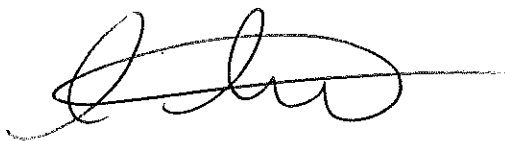
Explore new sources of revenue.

To continue to recruit more trustees to serve on the Management Committee.

Trustees: Appointed, W. Wilkinson, C. Marshall, S. Herbert, D. Wilson, B. Miles

A.O.B: None

Meeting Closed: 7.45pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Wilson', written in a cursive style.