

Sherwood Community Association CIO
(Registered charity, number 1158333)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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**Sherwood Community Association CIO
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name Sherwood Community Association CIO

Other names by which the charity is known Sherwood Community Centre

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1158333

Principal address

Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG5 3FN

Trustees

Jill Mee, Chair

Hannah Malhotra, Secretary

Eva Codrington, from 13/03/2025

Margaret Hilton, until 31/03/2025

Tracey Holland, Vice Chair

Valerie Hunter, Membership Secretary

Dawn Evans, until 14/03/2025

Mathew Bunn, until 11/06/2025

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of the CIO Association constitution adopted 22/08/14.

Trustees are recruited through informal interest at publicity events as well as through personal professional recommendations and unsolicited interest and applications in line with our recruitment of Trustee Policy. Trustees are elected annually at the AGM, or co-opted under terms of the Constitution (19 May 2014) and the Policy for Recruitment of Trustees.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit 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;

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;

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To promote such other charitable purposes 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 Sherwood and the surrounding area.

Sherwood Community Centre has a Main Hall and several meeting rooms which are rented out per session to a wide variety of groups including charities, self-help, support, well-being, fitness, education etc. These rooms are also available for parties and social / cultural /religious events and celebrations.

We have a reduced rental rate for charities making the building more accessible and affordable for their use for their use. Approximately 20 different charities use the Centre throughout the year. There are also offices and clubrooms rented out to charities, counsellors and other organisations providing support, well-being, fitness and education. In particular there is a great deal of preventative work happening supporting health and wellbeing.

The age range provided for includes pre-natal, post-natal, children, adults of all ages.

The Community Café, provides affordable meals and has become a thriving hub in the Centre, regularly used by both users and other members of the Community as its reputation has grown. It has been able to provide buffet lunches for training groups and continues to support fundraising activities and events.

The various User Groups/Charities include:

- Sherwood Playgroup CIO which is an early years Childcare CIO setting receiving Term time Government funding distributed by Nottingham City Council and reports to NCC who oversee settings who are part of their Statutory Provision in the City. Additional activities previously funded by NCC local area grant such as Forest school sessions are now dependent on other grants and crowd funding. Offer an early years entitlement offer of 15 and up to 30 hours in line with Government Funding. It is an inclusive and diverse setting working with children aged 2 - 4 and their families in the Nottingham City area. Sessions are held weekdays, Tuesday to Friday. The group has a strong reputation of providing care and education for children with a range of needs and disabilities and staff have a range of qualifications and extensive up to date training.
- A charity supporting male and female survivors of childhood sexual, physical, psychological abuse, neglect, incest, and rape, those exploited by sex and violence with a wide range of holistic interventions.
- Support and counselling to bereaved parents.
- Support and counselling group for women.
- Mental Health Counselling.
- Counselling to support giving up smoking, improved diet and other health matters.
- Aphasia.
- Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Versus Arthritis.
- Alzheimer support.
- Education for Adults with Learning Difficulties.
- Pre-natal Yoga.
- Parent and Toddler Yoga.
- Kids' Yoga.

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- Various Adult Yoga classes.
- Dance education and fitness including Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz Dance and Acrobatics for children and adults, with examinations/qualifications which are part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) / Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).
- Movement and Dance for babies and toddlers.
- Fitness classes, including chair based for those with disabilities or limited mobility.
- Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society.
- Turkish language school, where children have the opportunity to learn their native language and to learn more about Turkish history, traditions and cultural values.
- Various organisations giving training in First Aid, Health and Social Care.
- Community Food Garden.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- Providing support and support networks for those in need of support.
- Providing activities which benefit the body and mind, thus supporting mental and physical health of the community.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

- Held a Community Forum to bring local groups together.
- Held Table Top Sales to bring in revenue to help to improve our facilities.
- Linked with Sherwood Art Week to provide Craft Sessions and tours of the Grade II listed building we occupy.
- A Tapathon in aid of Children in Need took place in November, organised by Elevation Dance in liaison with Jill Gregory School of Dancing with other locals taking part.
- We continue to have the front grounds mowed, weeded and trimmed weekly by a volunteer team, which keeps the grounds as pleasant and welcoming as possible and offers a break out space for many of our groups.
- The Trustees and staff have been working hard to increase bookings, private parties and group events as well as group hire in the Centre by the use of an efficient booking system and excellent customer service.
- The Sherwood Community Centre is in an area where there are financial challenges to those living nearby and many experience financial deprivation. The Playgroup has links locally with food banks and clothing recycling schemes to support some of those needs and signposts children and families to other support services. The Community cafe has a pay it forward scheme and discretion is used in supporting those who may need a hot meal or drink.
- As we are adjacent to the Wildlife Trust area, Woodthorpe Meadow, we have had increased footfall of visitors since their new signposting and access path that leads into our car park. We have also increased our usage of their area through Sherwood Playgroup Forest school sessions funded through grants.
- We have supported at network meetings and offered a venue to discuss changes to Council funding across the City relating to Community Centres.

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- We continue to have engagement with local councillors who hold a surgery within our Coffee bar space. We are also a polling centre.

Financial review

At the end of the financial year (April 2024 to March 2025), Sherwood Community Association CIO is in a stronger financial position. This reflects prudent financial management and the successful delivery of a broad range of community activities. Our total income for the year was £112,877. With room hire and grant funding being the most significant contributors. Total expenditure stood at £103,508. Including key operational costs such as wages, utilities, and IT support although.

Trustees are pleased with the organisation's increasing financial health, particularly as it allows us to maintain continuity of services, invest in our premises, and plan future community programmes with greater confidence.

We continue to attend Grant and bid writing workshops and networking events and have been pleased to have some success in receiving some grant funding allocations.

The charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient reserves are held in a charity investment savings account to ensure the safe running of the Centre for a period of at least 3 months, and to cover any redundancies, including pension contributions, should the need arise. Trustees are currently working toward increasing this reserve level to cover 6 months of core operating costs. This will enhance the Centre's financial security and ensure greater resilience in the face of unexpected challenges.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Jill Mee, Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sherwood Community Association CIO
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Association CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024				2025	
Total			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£		Note	£	£	£
Receipts					
1238	Bank interest		1534	-	1534
11904	Grants & donations	2	17277	5010	22287
297	Membership		250	-	250
73121	Rents		76308	-	76308
-	Equipment Hire		27	-	27
13958	Café		10272	-	10272
2015	Zumba income		2042	-	2042
-	Sundry income		157	-	157
102533	Total receipts		107867	5010	112877
Payments					
131	bank charge		2	-	2
-	Licences		833	-	833
-	Equipment repairs and renewals		434	179	613
-	Insurance		1607	-	1607
1366	Legal & professional		6287	-	6287
-	Printing, postage and stationery		7	-	7
7860	Premises maintenance		364	-	364
12880	Office & general expenses		2629	-	2629
-	Subscriptions		367	-	367
79	Telephone		4246	-	4246
19178	Utilities		19998	-	19998
44526	Wages, Tax & NI		59263	-	59263
-	Sundry expenditure		48	-	48
13097	Café		-	-	-
464	Fundraising		91	685	776
27	Hospitality		-	-	-
-	Provisions		3088	-	3088
353	Training		90	-	90
-	Website		280	-	280
-	Security		3010	-	3010
99961	Total payments		102644	864	103508
2572	Net receipts/(payments)		5223	4146	9369
40444	Cash funds at start of this period		41617	1399	43016
43016	Cash funds at end of this period		46840	5545	52385

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025

2024			2025
£	Cash assets	Note	£
42633	Bank accounts		51891
383	Cash in hand		494
<u>43016</u>			<u>52385</u>
	Other monetary assets		
-	Prepayment- Microsoft Subscription		19
6337	Debtors- Room Hire		-
<u>6337</u>			<u>19</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Cooker purchased in 2019 at a cost of £899		
	Liabilities		
(4401)	Creditors	4	(1474)
<u>(4401)</u>			<u>(1474)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Date _____
 Jill Mee, Chair

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Holland Legacy	12000	-	12000
Nottingham City Council	2077	-	2077
Thomas Farr	-	2000	2000
Near Neighbour	-	3010	3010
General Donations	3200	-	3200
	<u>17277</u>	<u>5010</u>	<u>22287</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Near Neighbours	-	3010	-	3010
Thomas Farr	-	2000	-	2000
Garden Waste	400	-	-	400
Lidl Fundraising	999	-	(864)	135
	<u>1399</u>	<u>5010</u>	<u>(864)</u>	<u>5545</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	41617	107867	(102644)	46840
	<u>41617</u>	<u>107867</u>	<u>(102644)</u>	<u>46840</u>

Thomas Farr Trust: to provide a free monthly community get together free refreshments from our Community Café and volunteer expenses.

Lidl Fundraising: is for fundraising costs.

Garden Waste: is for garden clearing.

Near Neighbours Fund: a small grants programme, administered by the Church Urban Fund that supported projects in diverse neighbourhoods across England to bring together people from different faiths and ethnicities.

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4. Creditors

	£
HMRC	104
Pensions	524
Independent Examination fee	846
	<u>1474</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

It is the policy of the charity to offer room rent at a reduced rates to affiliated groups. Jill Mee, as a Trustee, is a part of an affiliated group.

Sam Holland, who is the son of Tracey Holland, received £2,045 in wages.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.