



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Lower Grange Community Association

Other names charity is known by LGCA

Registered charity number (if any) 1159081

Charity's principal address Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre

Chaffinch Road

Bradford

Postcode BD8 0RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	G Ball	Chair		
2	M Bull	Treasurer		
3	F.E. Evans	Secretary		
4	C Woodley			
5	Beverley Lister			
6	B Rawlinson			
7	Shantelle Wright			
8	Kyle Whittiker			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - Association Registered 05 Nov 2014 (Constitution)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by membership at Annual General meetings.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Lower Grange and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") 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 leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

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 other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

Classification

What

- General charitable purposes
- Education / training
- Recreation

Who

- Children / young people
- Elderly / old people
- People with disabilities

How

- provides buildings / facilities / open space

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission, Lower Grange Community Association/Centre has a reserve policy. We aim to retain a reserve, held in cash, to provide for six months operating costs, together with a provision for winding up expenses and redundancy payments. Furthermore, it is our aim to maintain a balance within our current account roughly equivalent to six months operating costs. The amounts involved are kept under review each year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

This year has marked a significant transition for our organisation, moving from crisis-response provision toward becoming a recognised community anchor delivering accredited vocational training and integrated creative health services. With landmark funding of £101,000 from Yorkshire Building Society's Building Bradford Skills programme, and our role as a key partner for Bradford 2025 (UK City of Culture), we have fundamentally expanded our capacity and reach while maintaining our core commitment to the Lower Grange community.

Building on the foundations of our previous Neighbourhood Action Project and the sustainable growth model we have developed over recent years, 2024-25 saw us step up from providing essential support to actively equipping residents with qualifications, coaching skills, and pathways into employment and enterprise. This represents the next phase of our journey: not just meeting immediate need, but building long-term community resilience and leadership.

The Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) programme continued to exceed all targets, with Easter, Summer and Christmas provision reaching significantly more eligible children than commissioned. These numbers exclude additional non-eligible children who also benefited, demonstrating our commitment to inclusive community support regardless of means-testing

criteria. Our multi-site delivery across Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre, Victoria Park, Lady Hill Park, and partnership work with venues including 5 Alive Bradford Adventure and Hollywood Bowl has allowed us to offer varied experiences from cooking and sports to trips including Lightwater Valley and Scarborough.

Our partnership with Bradford 2025 (UK City of Culture) enabled integration of creative approaches to health and wellbeing. The Singing for Wellbeing group has become a highlight, with participants reporting improvements across multiple life areas. Our autumn survey of 46 service users, session leaders and partners showed 80% reporting improved social connections, 63% improved overall wellbeing, 61% improved mental health, and 57% improved self-confidence. These figures evidence the genuine impact of our holistic approach combining physical activity, creative practice, skills development and social connection.

We significantly expanded into accredited vocational training this year, delivering Level 2 Food Safety, Level 2 Fire Safety, British Sign Language, South Asian Cooking (with Bradford College), and Beauty Therapy qualifications. Beyond individual employment credentials, we invested heavily in community leadership development through Solution Focused Coaching training delivered by Participate Projects/ThriveLab, and continued delivery of the Social Venture School supporting residents to develop social enterprise ideas. The September Jobs & Training Recruitment Fair brought together 19 employers and engaged over 120 jobseekers, demonstrating our growing role as an employment broker for the area.

Our food provision evolved beyond crisis response into sustainable models. The Community Cafe offers £1 breakfasts as a social hub, while Grub in the Hub operates as a social supermarket with £3 fresh produce bags. Little Chefs cooking programmes teach nutritional independence to children, and partnerships with Morrison's Gillingham, Lill Brothers, St James Market traders and FareShare Yorkshire ensure quality provision at scale. The February Energy Advice Day, featuring air fryer giveaways with Groundwork Green Doctors, addressed cost-of-living pressures directly.

Specialist youth provision developed through Aspire Judo, Bradford City Twirlers, and the Camouflage Crew leadership programme, alongside our established Open Access Youth Club and targeted SEN provision through the STAR Inclusion Group. Family and early years support grew through Stay and Play, the new Teacups & Toddlers group for ages 0-3, and continued playgroup delivery.

Our weekday calendar maintained approximately 90% capacity year-round with ESOL at multiple levels, Functional Skills in maths and English, the new Digital Cafe supporting residents with online services, Keep Fit sessions, Zumba, Beck Adventures wellness walks, and regular advice drop-ins covering benefits, housing, debt and employment. The Citizens Advice Bureau surgery provides specialist support monthly.

Physical transformation of the site in March saw 20+ volunteers repaint, garden, build planters and create new communal seating areas. This investment in our environment reflects and reinforces community pride and ownership. A notable achievement has been volunteer groups developing capacity in digital content creation, now producing their own promotional videos and social media content, representing genuine empowerment to

tell their own stories.

We worked with over 35 partner organisations this year including National Lottery Community Fund, Yorkshire Building Society, Bradford 2025, Bradford College, Shipley College, SkillsHouse Bradford, Bradford Council Neighbourhoods and Youth Services, Bradford City FC Community Foundation, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, West Yorkshire Police, HALE, Mind in Bradford, and multiple activity providers. These partnerships reflect our established position as a genuine community anchor trusted by statutory services, voluntary sector, private sector and residents alike.

Our reserves and financial position remain healthy, allowing us to continue exploring innovative funding streams that add value to our core offer rather than chasing inappropriate funding or experiencing mission drift. The Yorkshire Building Society grant has been transformational in enabling us to move beyond grant-dependency toward sustainable, core-funded provision with clear employment and skills outcomes.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making 2024-25 such a successful year – our volunteers, staff, trustees, partners, and most importantly, the residents of Lower Grange who continue to lead the way in building a resilient, thriving community.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

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)	Graham Ball	Marie Bull
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	05/01/2026	

Lower Grange Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account 31st March 2025

Unrestricted Funds

Income	31st March 2025	31st March 2024	Expenditure	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
Unrestricted Funds			Unrestricted Expenses		
Room Hire	2900	3875	General Running Expenses	12,309	24,665
Fundraising etc	4105	6525	Premises Costs	22,990	15,078
Donations			Wages - LGCA	41,044	38,882
Crowdfunder	66	114	Travel	304	543
			Professional Fees	786	792
Grants etc			Deliveries		
City Of Bradford	137775	149905	Venue Hire		
			Training	144	
Other Income			Capital costs		
Community Foundation		10000	Consultancy	3,500	6,629
Places for People	20000	39700	Membership Fees	108	
Blackpool Commity Trip			Connector Commissioning	2,578	8,172
Participate Project			Awards For All Funding		700
Dixons		250	Bradford Council ARG Funding		
Naz Shah			HAF Funding	23,508	19,281
Playspaces			Places For People Funding	22,100	
Bradford Community Play Partnership	12787	19402	Charitable Aid Foundation	3,250	3,250
BHT Early Education and Training	1400	870			
United Peoples				132,621	117,991
Sundry Income					
Beckfoot trust	1250	3200	Restricted Expenses		
	180,283	233,841	Training Costs		
Restricted Funds			Consultancy		
Big Lottery Fund LG NAP			Premises Costs		
Bradford Teaching Hospitals			HAF Salary		480
Bradford Teaching Hospitals Office Income	2578	3400	Bradford Community Worker Salary	7,905	9,041
All Together Now Income		700	BCPP Project	260	2,306
HAF Project Income	23508	8893	HAF Project	59,676	73,010
Bradford Council ARG Income			HSF Project	23,360	27,483
HSF Project Income		13051	Race Equality Funding		
Bradford Community play Income			Unity Builders Project	1,160	1,942
UKSPF Project Income		2109	Additional Restrictions Grant		
Places For People	22100		Keystone Community Project	650	1,450
Charitable Aid Foundation	3250	3250	UKSPF Project		18,627
	51,436	31,403	Places for People Community Hub	13,236	
			Allergrange Play Project	1,650	7,548
Bank Interest				107,896	141,887
	231,719	265,243	Surplus/Deficit for the period - Unrestricted	47,663	115,849
			Surplus for the period - Restricted	-56,461	-110,484
	231,719	265,243		231,719	265,243
Represented by:			Balance at bank 31/03/2025 (Current)	116,653	115,730
Balance forward 1/4/2024	126429	121064		116,653	115,730
	126,429	121,064	Cash in hand	31	208
			Debtors	1,500	10,995
Surplus/-deficit for the period	-8,798	5,365	Prepayments		
			Creditors	-552	-504
	117,631	126,429		117,631	126,429

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

13th November 2025
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