

Ensbury Park Community Association

Registered Charity No. 1168501

Annual Report for 2023-24

Management Committee/Trustees:

Chair Bernie Culver

Vice Chair Bryan Lawrence

Treasurer/Bookings Co-ordinator Karen Doran

Funding Secretary Jill Reade

Katie Chaldecott-Gill

Jack Hamlet

Des Bailey

Governing Document: Area of Benefit

Constitution Dated 1st October 2016

BCP Council, Dorset

Organisation Type:

CIO Ensbury Park Community Association EPCA

Other Names Ensbury Park Community Centre EPCC

Trustees Report

To provide a safe, accessible and affordable space in which the community can hold athletic, social or recreational events for those of all ages.

A place to hold cultural events and promote youth development, where resources can be shared and we can work towards a common goal to help build a strong and vibrant community.

The Ensbury Park Community Centre was built in the 1990's when the Ensbury Park Resident Association fought to have a community building in the area. It is a council owned building run by a registered charity, Ensbury Park Community Association, which is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers and a trustee committee, who manage the building on a day to day basis. The centre is located in the heart of Slades Park, a local housing estate, situated between the localities of Kinson and Wallisdown. The areas of Kinson and Wallisdown have absolute child poverty of 29% and 23% respectively. The median household income is lower than the national average with housing costs being 25% higher than the national average with a 23% increase in children being eligible for school meals. The use of foodbanks has also doubled in the area. 22% of the population of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch (BCP Council) are over 65 years of age and 58% have a long-term health condition.

The Community Centre comprises of one large hall which can be hired for community activities and meetings and can accommodate up to 100 people. The building also has an office, a tearoom where hot drinks can be made and food heated in the microwave and toilets, including a disabled/mother & baby toilet. The large hall is used by regular hirers for several different groups throughout the week, such as a yoga group specifically for the parents of children with disabilities, a craft group and several other groups aimed at both adults and children. We have recently welcomed a regular booking from an ethnic group of mothers and children who have recently moved to the area. They hire the hall and come together as a community to socialise every month. Regular bookings give the charity a guaranteed regular income, enabling us to meet our utility costs and any other costs we might incur throughout the year. The activities and groups all offer socialisation and,

particularly those groups which have an older clientele, reduce isolation and foster friendships for those attending.

The activities at the EPCC week by week are Yoga on Monday and Friday mornings, under 8's football training, Monday morning, Sewing & Craft Group, Tuesday mornings Short Mat Bowls is on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. There is a Circuit Class on Thursday mornings and Karate

Saturday afternoons. There is ballet, tap, modern and street dance sessions during the school terms, including singing and drama, Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings. Sunday afternoons are available for hire for private parties or events.

In addition to the regular groups, the centre is hired for children's parties and other celebrations. During the last eight years we have frequently been unable to accommodate all enquiries for use of the hall, and had to refuse possible regular hirers and one-off bookings because of our limited facilities and the hall being used for the regular bookings. Our aim is to continue to offer to everyone an affordable, inclusive and accessible space and increase the number of groups/classes on offer. We have plans for an extension which will include a new kitchen/tearoom, alongside which, we would like to be able to offer the community a more intimate space where smaller groups of local people could meet and share similar interests and perhaps develop new skills in a warm, safe and comfortable environment. As the planned extension will be smaller than the main hall there are many activities it could be used for to benefit the local community. We would like to explore the possibility of offering a variety of games sessions, like chess, cards etc. and bingo with fish and chips. These activities could take place either during the day or in the evening.

The plans also include a new office, allowing the present office space to become a much needed reception/waiting area for parents and visitors, where refreshments would be available.

The building of the new kitchen/tearoom will allow the present toilet block to be redesigned, enabling an added cubicle in the lady's toilet and a cupboard for cleaning equipment. The floor in the hall needs resurfacing, something we would like to achieve as soon as possible. We are also hoping to replace the main front doors which would make them more secure and renew the fire exit doors in the main hall for double glazed doors.

New doors would not only increase security, but reduce the level of draught presently experienced within the centre/hall and therefore, manage heating usage and costs more efficiently.

These changes are included within the general improvement to the EPCC.

If we are successful raising the funds needed to build the extension, we intend to explore the possibility of offering a cake and coffee or soup and roll morning, working in partnership with other local organisations or people/volunteers to provide this service, particularly to the more isolated and/or vulnerable in our community. We would also like to purchase two computers that would be available for use by members of the community. A trustee, who is an accredited numeracy champion, would be regularly available to offer support to people who may be experiencing difficulties with things such as understanding budgeting or general numeracy difficulties. We would like to start the extension in early 2026, providing we have raised the necessary funds and have been advised that the building works should take approximately 3-4 months to complete.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

Our primary responsibility is to manage the Ensbury Park Community Centre on behalf of the residents of Bournemouth. The EPCC is at Slades Park, north of Bournemouth, which is managed by BCP Council Parks Dept. To accommodate trustees at our bi-monthly meetings, we can sign into Microsoft Teams.

Our aims are to support an active Community Centre with a variety of community activities each week. Added hiring's to outside groups and individuals are a good contribution to our diversity and health of the Community Centre, which is important for the enjoyment/recreational and community spirit with all age groups using the hall. The charity has Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity policies in place, which are reviewed annually.

Milk, coffee, tea and sugar in sachets or cartons are included within the hire of the hall. There is a storeroom where regular hirers can store their equipment.

There are notice boards in our area, including one on the wall outside of the EPCC where the activities are advertised.

We have a savings account for funding toward the cost of proposed future improvements to the Centre.

The Ensbury Park Community Association and Active Dorset - who are responsible for the Slades Park Pavilion - work together to encourage a greater footfall of all ages, ethnicity, gender and those who suffer from a disability, to participate in building a community spirit and encourage ownership of the future developments within Slades Park.

Our annual surplus has been saved in a fixed interest account toward future improvements for the Centre.

The Ensbury Park Community Association work with Active Dorset at the Slades Park Pavilion to encourage a greater footfall of all ages, ethnicity, gender and those who suffer from a disability, to participate in building a Community Spirit and to encourage ownership of the future developments within Slades Park.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees’ report above signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Chairperson.....Bernard Lionel George Culver

Signature 

Date 29th July 2025

Treasurer.....Karen Doran

Signature 

Date 29/7/25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024.

Balance at bank b/d.	68688.44	
Cash in hand		
		68688.44
INCOME		
Booking income	26315.50	
Lottery	47.00	
Other -Karcher machine	600.00	
Other -Inflatables	600.00	
Other	137.05	
Interest	0.00	
TOTAL	27699.55	
less Damage Waiver returns	-1605.00	
NET INCOME	26094.55	
EXPENDITURE		
Insurance & Licences	1907.50	
Council tax	167.16	
Energy - Elec & Gas	4513.62	
Water	302.81	
Sewerage	479.00	
Maintenance & repairs	1741.41	
Savings Account	0.00	
Office Expenses	190.43	
Telephone & broadband	800.40	
Internet fees	52.79	
Equipment	513.11	
Sundries	260.00	
Professional fees	1000.00	
Cleaning - Building	5185.93	
Cleaning - Materials	781.07	
Provisions	210.58	
First Aid	4.94	
Misc	217.24	
WWWEPAC	186.71	
TOTAL	18514.70	
Surplus for period		7579.85
Balance at bank c/fwd		
Cash in hand		
		0.00
Current accs	25293.76	
Savings accs	50725.96	
Card credit	248.57	
	76268.29	76268.29

B. Culver. Chairman.....

K Doran. Treasurer.....



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
ENSBURY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

1/10/23 to 30/9/24

Charity no
(if any)

1168501

Set out on pages

7 PAGE DOCUMENT (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

29.7.2025

Name:

LORRAINE GRIEVE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.