



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Venner Road Hall Community Association

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1169551

Charity's principal address

Venner Road Hall

1 Venner Road

Sydenham London

Postcode

SE23 2QL

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	Anthony Mensah	Chair		
2	Patricia O'hara	Secretary		
3	Sandra Alleyne	Trustee		
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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)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To further or benefit the residents of the Sydenham Ward of Lewisham and the surrounding neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objectives.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We continue to be grateful for the many hours of work from our volunteers particularly in support of our dementia café.

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity continues to provide affordable community space for various community groups, children and families.

Dementia Café Update

Overview

The dementia café continues to enjoy great popularity, with more than 30 individuals attending each week. The consistent engagement reflects the value and enjoyment the café brings to all who participate.

Activities and Wellbeing

We are delighted to have expanded our programme to include sessions with a personal trainer from the local gym. These sessions, which take place every other week, focus on balance and gentle exercise. In addition, a qualified yoga teacher also visits fortnightly, offering tailored sessions to support relaxation and mobility. Our regular activities remain a source of joy and engagement for our group.

Looking ahead, we are eager to introduce table drumming sessions. This activity is widely appreciated in care homes and we are confident it will offer another enjoyable opportunity for gentle exercise and group participation.

Music and Creativity

Music continues to play a special role at the café. The Befriender Choir has been singing with us since our inception three years ago, creating a wonderful atmosphere for everyone. We are currently in the process of completing a song, collaboratively written with words from all attendees, reflecting on why they cherish the café. This unique song is set to be recorded early next year.

Community Involvement and New Initiatives

The café has received interest from many individuals wishing to support those living with dementia. However, after careful discussion with the group and their loved ones, it was agreed that the primary purpose of the café is for enjoyment, friendship, and fun. Consequently, we have decided not to accommodate researchers seeking data or information, as this would not align with the experience our members value.

In January, we will welcome a local architect, currently pursuing an MSc, who is known for their artistic talents. They will be bringing clay for creative workshops, allowing everyone to explore sensory experiences and express themselves through art. There is much anticipation for this new addition to our programme.

Gardening Project

Our ongoing garden project continues to flourish. The bulbs planted in our two raised beds are thriving. These beds, specifically chosen with legs to avoid the need for bending, have made gardening more accessible and enjoyable for all.

Funding and Support

While securing funding has posed challenges, we are grateful to have received a generous donation of £3,000 from an insurance company, which has been warmly received and will support the café's activities. Applications for further funding are underway, and we remain hopeful for greater success in the coming year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are for specific purposes such as our dementia café.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

04/12/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Venner Road Hall Community Association

No (if any)

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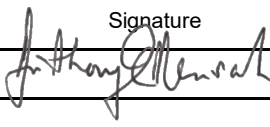
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2024		31.03.2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Use Group Fees	16,159	-	-	16,159	-
Dementia café Grants & Donations	-	4,830	-	4,830	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,159	4,830	-	20,989	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,159	4,830	-	20,989	-
A3 Payments					
Rent (Lewisham Council)	12,230	-	-	12,230	-
Castle Water	557	-	-	557	-
Gas & Electricity (British Gas)	4,964	-	-	4,964	-
Building/Public Liability insurance	1,061	-	-	1,061	-
Cleaning supplies	132	-	-	132	-
Rates	603	-	-	603	-
Lewisham miscellaneous	734	-	-	734	-
Maintenance repairs	578	-	-	578	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,859	-	-	20,859	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,859	-	-	20,859	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,700	4,830	-	130	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,439	-	-	5,439	-
Cash funds this year end	739	4,830	-	5,569	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Anthony Mensah	04/12/2025