

Raynham Way Community Centre

Annual Report – 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

This was a year of both growth in income and less expenditure on maintenance and refurbishment resulting in an increase in profit for the charity. We had a significant rise in social bookings which probably made a greater number of Luton residents aware of the building, its facilities and avenues for events and hiring. We have maintained an approach of keeping our charges as competitive as possible whilst making the facilities available seven days a week with only a break for two weeks in August and at Christmas.

Our regular hire has shown issues of some groups like carpet bowls and youth club attracting fewer attendees whilst new groups relating to family, men's wellbeing and dance becoming more popular. Overall, we continue to have regular groups on most days and nights during the week with only Tuesday afternoons and some Friday evenings still available to book. In January we maintained our charges at the same rates for our regular users whilst modestly raising those for one-off bookings.

Some refurbishments of the foyer and office took place during the year along with the tidying up of the loft and storage areas. Overall, there was a smaller spend on maintenance with much being done in-house. We continued to apply for grants and with one we were able to purchase new plant boxes for the front and east side of the building and were successful in coming third in the annual Luton in Bloom competition. We ran another summer fete in August with the benefit of good weather and a substantial grant. Whilst the costs of the fete show an overspend this was recouped by events such as refreshments and raffle run by the center. We also continued with the free Wednesday cafe at lunchtime throughout the year with those attending making voluntary contributions to the center and donations to the East Anglia Air Ambulance charity. We also introduced a “baked potato with filling” day once a month for a charge of £1 which is very popular.

We lost more trustees than we gained during the year and basically were down to four active trustees at the yearend – this was due mainly to ill health and moving home, however we have now managed to recruit one more trustee. The need for more trustees willing to give of their time and experience continues to be a matter that we continually seek to address. We are grateful for the support of local council area officers and ward councillors. The group leaders who run and manage the various activities week in, week out need our thanks as they directly provide support and guidance to the regular users.

Overall the center provides many forms of recreation, sport, fitness, creative arts, religious worship and education that assist in bringing greater cohesion to our community.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Raynham Way Community Centre

1169566

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

To

Period end date
31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	678	7,500	-	8,178	7,879
Regular Hall Hire	35,506	-	-	35,506	30,440
Social Hire	22,781	-	-	22,781	10,773
Events	2,933	-	-	2,933	1,057
Donations	1,151	-	-	1,151	1,181
Refunds	487	-	-	487	255
Café	589	-	-	589	-
Misc	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,225	7,500	-	71,725	51,585
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,225	7,500	-	71,725	51,585
A3 Payments					
Utilities	8,597	-	-	8,597	9,044
Caretaker and staff cover	12,896	-	-	12,896	13,247
Office costs (inc.equipment and phones)	1,305	-	-	1,305	3,368
Cleaning and refuse	9,550	-	-	9,550	8,216
Insurance & Security	3,325	-	-	3,325	6,510
Maintenance	6,275	-	-	6,275	15,554
Costs related to Grants	-	8,963	-	8,963	13,298
Misc expenses (inc.business rates)	871	-	-	871	2,037
Loan Refund	-	-	-	-	1,500
Sub total	42,819	8,963	-	51,782	72,774
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,819	8,963	-	51,782	72,774
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,406	- 1,463	-	19,943	- 21,189
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	71,293	-	-	71,293	92,482
Cash funds this year end	92,699	- 1,463	-	91,236	71,293

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	CASH	46,236	-	-
	Cash reserves	-	45,000	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	46,236	45,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Lawrence Patterson	24/11/2025	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

RAYNHAM WAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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On accounts for the year
ended

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

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").

Responsibilities
and basis of
report

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.

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

31/03/2025

Charity

1169566

no (if
any)

Signed

ALAN MASON

A Mason

Date:

14-01-2026

Name:

Relevant
professional

TREASURER / TRUSTEE BUSHMEAD COMMUNITY
CENTRE

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