

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1170645

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A) 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 ANY 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 CONDITION OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS B) 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 ABOVE OBJECTS.C) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED

Activities: 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.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£85,628	£74,398	-	-
2024-03-31	£72,499	£71,209	-	-
2023-03-31	£50,842	£60,300	-	-
2022-03-31	£76,501	£64,474	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,517	£53,954	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Wood		2016-12-08
Christabbel Cofie		2024-02-28
Claire Parris		2019-06-21
Faiza Spittles		2024-01-26
Leonie Awiah		2016-12-08
Rev KOJO WOOD		2016-12-08
SEGUN ADEYEMI		2016-12-08

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Accounts

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Charity No: 1170645

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Trustees

Mr P Wainika (Chairman)
Rev K Wood (Treasurer)
Mr S Adeyemi
Mrs C Wood
Mrs A Kagunga
Mrs L Awiah
Mrs C Parris
Mrs F Spittles
Miss C Cofie

Charity number 1170645

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Independent examiner

Karen Bunyan FCCA

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Bankers

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their annual report, together with the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

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The trustees confirm that they have had regard for the charity commission guidance on public benefit.

Governance

The charity is governed by the constitution dated 16th April 1975, which was later amended on the 19th August 1994.

Achievements and performance and financial review

At the year end, the charity held cash funds of £48,942 (2024- £37,264) in various bank accounts and a small amount of cash in hand also.

The receipts and payments account this year shows a net surplus of £11,229 (2024 - £1,290 net surplus).

Risk Review

The trustees actively review the major risk which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources for normal operating risks. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which are faced and confirm they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Reserve Policy

In the past the St Nicholas Community Association has suffered a number of financial difficulties, as a result of unforeseen and unbudgeted expenditure or, more usually, unanticipated reductions in income. The intention of this reserves policy is to ensure that the organisation has adequate funds to meet both forecast and unexpected expenditures.

The current trustees have reviewed and endorsed this policy, which is to try to build up and maintain a level of reserves in the form of cash deposited with banks or other sound financial institutions which can be accessed at short notice, and which would provide the charity with three months income.

The likely impact of significant bank balances on the attitude of our principal grant providers, the probable scenarios which would result in a sudden and significant reduction of income, the undesirability of leaving large sums of money in the bank doing nothing for our area of benefit.

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

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- 1) the likely impact of significant bank balances on the attitude of our principal grant providers,
- 2) the probable scenarios which would result in a sudden and significant reduction of income,
- 3) the undesirability of leaving large sums of money in the bank doing nothing for our area of benefit.

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Chairman's report

The chairman's report is included as an appendix to these accounts.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

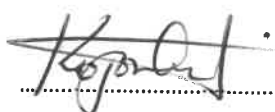
The law applicable to charities in England Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statement the trustees are required to :

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue in operation.

The trustees are reasonable for keeping a proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the association, and enable them to ensure that the provision financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the charity (Accounts and Reports) regulations and the provision financial of the associations governing document. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Signed:


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Date:


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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees you are reasonable for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me 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 accordance with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 25/09/2025

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	General fund	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Receipts				
Photocopy sale income	3	-	3	-
Room hire and lettings	75,486	-	75,486	69,281
Grants	9,860	-	9,860	3,199
Donations	278	-	278	19
Storage income	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85,628	-	85,628	72,499
Payments				
Water rates	6,359	-	6,359	4,545
Rates	695	-	695	463
Wages and salaries	32,424	-	32,424	28,570
Licences and subscriptions	691	-	691	139
Telephone charges	787	-	787	1,246
Cleaning materials/ costs	18,600	-	18,600	12,633
Printing postage and stationery	539	-	539	1,593
Sundry expenses	683	-	683	840
Heating and lighting	10,152	-	10,152	17,299
Repairs and renewals	849	-	849	1,796
Insurance	982	-	982	829
Computer expenses	335	-	335	397
Gardening	620	-	620	132
Donations	-	-	-	100
Professional fees/ accountancy and legal	683	-	683	627
Waste disposal	-	-	-	-
Centre refurbishment	-	-	-	-
Health and safety	-	-	-	-
Discounts allowed	-	-	-	-
Total payments	74,398	-	74,398	71,209
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	11,229	-	11,229	1,290
Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2024			37,264	
Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2025			48,493	

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Cash funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Bank current account	48,931	37,253
Cash in hand	11	11
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	48,942	37,264
 Other monetary assets		
Room hire and letting		2,338
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	-	2,338
 Liabilities		
Creditors		4,412
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	-	4,412
 Other assets		
For use by the Charity		
Extra playground items	(Cost £6,353.57 paid for by grants from Herts. Comm. Trust, SBC Comm. Trust, English P/ships Millenium project and fundraising - Oct.'00)	
New flooring	(Cost £2,000 paid for by the grant from Joint Local Committee July '00)	
Patio slabbing	(Cost £2,169 paid for by grant from Joint Local Committee June '00)	
Cupboards and filing cabinets	(Cost £1,357 paid for mostly by SRB underspend grant '02)	
Office furniture	(Cost £1,082 paid for by SRB underspend grant '02)	
New flooring	(Cost £3,416 paid for by SRB underspend grant '02)	
Furniture	(Cost £898 paid for by the SRB underspend 02/03)	
Tables	(Cost £697 paid for by the SRB underspend 03/04)	
Stacking chairs	(Cost £736 paid for by Stevenage Community Trust Grant 04/05)	
New tables	(Cost £1,157 paid for by Young Women's Group 04/05)	
Cupboard	(Cost £528 paid for by Young Women's group)	
Blinds	(Cost £1,103.33 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 03/06)	
Photocopier	(Cost £1,231.40 paid for by SBC grant 04/06)	
Cupboard	(Cost £1,050 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 30/07)	
Electric cooker	(Cost £1,522.13 paid in part by SCT and St Nicholas Community Association 30/07)	
Notice boards	(Cost £298.22 paid by SCT grant 05/07)	
Mobile screens	(Cost £620.22 paid by SCT grant 05/07)	
Folding tables	(Cost £769.39 paid by SCT grant 05/07)	
Kitchen units	(Cost £1,011.12 paid by SBC grant 11/08)	
Cooker	(Cost £776.75 paid by SBC grant 11/02)	
Fridge	(Cost £238 paid by SBC grant 11/08)	
Storage shed	(Cost £650 paid partly by Fujitsu Services 06/09)	
Garden benches	(Cost £754.84 paid partly by SBC grant 07/09)	
Built-in cupboards	(Cost £2,495 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 06/10)	
Storage shed	(Cost £1,014.09 paid for by grant aid from Councillor's budgets 01/12)	
New flooring	(Cost £1,147.50 paid partly by grant aid from Councillor's budgets 03/12)	
Printer	(Cost £360 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 08/13)	
Computer equipment	(Cost £570.40 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 08/13)	
Stacking chairs	(Cost £1,440 paid by St Nicholas Community Association 02/14)	
CCTV equipment	(Cost £680 paid by St Nicholas Community Association 02/14)	

Approved by the trustees on:

Signed



Date

25/03/2025

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The accounts have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Funds

General funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the Charity.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following are recognised but not valued in Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the Charity is free to dispose of such assets.

Closing bank balances are shown in the receipts and payments accounts.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

- Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st March 2025.
- Debtors where invoices had been raised by 31st March 2025.

Taxation

The entity is a Registered Charity (No. 1170645) and accordingly is not liable to taxation on its income.

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Chairman's Report

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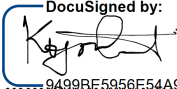
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report signed on behalf of the charity's trustees above.

Signed:  Date: 27-Jan-2025

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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Date: 28-Jan-2025

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****For the year ended 31st March 2024**

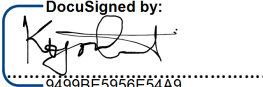
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Photocopy sale income	-	-	-	18
Room hire and lettings	69,281	-	69,281	49,646
Grants	3,199	-	3,199	950
Donations	19	-	19	5
Storage income	-	-	-	223
TOTAL RECEIPTS	72,499	-	72,499	50,842
PAYMENTS				
Water rates	4,545	-	4,545	1,581
Rates	463	-	463	-
Wages and salaries	28,570	-	28,570	26,261
Licences and subscriptions	139	-	139	429
Telephone charges	1,246	-	1,246	756
Cleaning materials/ costs	12,633	-	12,633	12,449
Printing, postage and stationery	1,593	-	1,593	199
Sundry expenses	840	-	840	626
Heating and lighting	17,299	-	17,299	5,424
Repairs and renewals	1,796	-	1,796	1,685
Insurance	829	-	829	1,342
Computer expenses	397	-	397	-
Gardening	132	-	132	970
Donations	100	-	100	-
Professional fees/ accountancy and legal	627	-	627	1,212
Waste disposal	-	-	-	684
Centre refurbishment	-	-	-	14,977
Health and safety	-	-	-	116
Discounts allowed	-	-	-	1,002
TOTAL PAYMENTS	71,209	-	71,209	69,713
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	1,290	-	1,290	(18,871)

*Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2023*35,974**Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2024****37,264**

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****For the year ended 31st March 2024**

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash funds		
Bank current account	37,253	35,963
Cash in hand	11	11
	37,264	35,974
Other monetary assets		
Room hire and lettings	2,338	2,338
	2,338	2,338
Liabilities		
Creditors	4,412	4,412
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Approved by the Trustees on:

Signed: 

Date: 27-Jan-2025

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31st March 2024

The accounts have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Funds

General funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the Charity.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised but not valued in Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the Charity is free to dispose of such assets.

Closing bank balances are shown in the receipts and payments account.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

- Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st March 2024.
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Taxation

The entity is a Registered Charity (No. 1170645) and accordingly is not liable to taxation on its income.

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1170645

Accounts

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023

Charity No: 1170645

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their annual report, together with the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the charity is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the St Nicholas area of Stevenage, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants 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.

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

The trustees confirms that they have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Governance

The charity is governed by the constitution dated 16th April 1975, which was later amended on 19th August 1994.

Achievements and Performance and Financial Review

At the year end, the charity held cash funds of £35,974 (2022 - £54,845) in various bank accounts and with a small amount of cash in hand also.

The receipts and payments account this year shows a net deficit of £18,871 (2022 - £12,030 net surplus).

Risk Review

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources for normal operating risks. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which are faced and confirm they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Reserves Policy

In the past the St. Nicholas Community Association has suffered a number of financial difficulties, are a result of unforeseen and unbudgeted expenditure or, more usually, unanticipated reductions in income. The intention of this reserves policy is to ensure that the organisation has adequate funds to meet both forecast and unexpected expenditures.

The current Trustees have reviewed and endorsed this policy, which is to try to build up and maintain a level of reserves in the form of cash deposited with banks or other sound financial institutions which can be accessed at short notice, and which would provide the charity with three months income.

The likely impact of significant bank balances on the attitude of our principal grant providers, the probable scenarios which would result in a sudden and significant reduction of income, the undesirability of leaving large sums of money in the bank doing nothing for our area of benefit.

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The current Trustees have reviewed and endorsed this policy, which is to try to build up and maintain a level of reserves in the form of cash deposited with banks or other sound financial institutions which can be accessed at short notice, and which would provide the Association with three months income, if all other sources of income dried up. In arriving at the three months income figure, the Trustees took into account:

- 1) the likely impact of significant bank balances on the attitude of our principal grant providers,
- 2) the probable scenarios which would result in a sudden and significant reduction of income,
- 3) the undesirability of leaving large sums of money in the bank doing nothing for our area of benefit.

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Chairman's Report

The chairman's report is included as an appendix to these accounts.

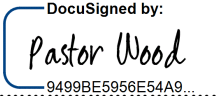
Statement of trustees responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to :

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the association, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provision of the associations governing document. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Signed:  Date: 18-Jan-2024

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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 to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met.
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Stuart Cuzner FCCA ACA
Menzies LLP
Richmond House
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Date: 18-Jan-2024

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Photocopy sale income	18	-	18	18
Room hire and lettings	49,646	-	49,646	42,089
Grants	950	-	950	34,103
Donations	5	-	5	77
Storage income	223	-	223	214
TOTAL RECEIPTS	50,842	-	50,842	76,502
PAYMENTS				
Water rates	1,581	-	1,581	1,760
Health and safety	116	-	116	357
Wages and salaries	26,261	-	26,261	26,766
Licences and subscriptions	429	-	429	1,969
Telephone charges	756	-	756	877
Cleaning materials/ costs	12,449	-	12,449	8,130
Printing, postage and stationery	199	-	199	405
Training and reference manuals		-	-	78
Sundry expenses	626	-	626	1,152
Heating and lighting	5,424	-	5,424	5,988
Repairs and renewals	1,685	-	1,685	570
Insurance	1,342	-	1,342	1,364
Waste disposal	684	-	684	615
Centre refurbishment	5,564	-	14,977	9,413
Gardening	970	-	970	482
Computer expenses		-	-	599
Petty cash drawn		-	-	-
Professional fees/ accountancy and legal	1,212	-	1,212	1,351
Discounts allowed	1,002	-	1,002	2,596
TOTAL PAYMENTS	60,300	-	69,713	64,472
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(9,458)	-	(18,871)	12,030
<i>Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2022</i>			<u>54,845</u>	
Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2023			<u>35,974</u>	

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash funds		
Bank current account	35,963	54,828
Building society account	-	-
Cash in hand	11	17
	35,974	54,845
Other monetary assets		
Room hire and lettings	2,338	4,091
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Liabilities		
Creditors	4,412	1,487
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Other Assets		
For use by the Charity		
Extra playground items	(Cost £6,353.57 paid for by grants from Herts. Comm. Trust, SBC Comm. Trust, English P/ships Millennium project and fundraising - Oct. '00)	
New flooring	(Cost £2,000 paid for by grant from Joint Local Committee July '00)	
Patio slabbing	(Cost £2,169 paid for by grant from Joint Local Committee June '00)	
Cupboards and filing cabinets	(Cost £1,357 paid mostly by SRB underspend grant '02)	
Office furniture	(Cost £1,082 paid for by SRB underspend grant '02)	
New flooring	(Cost £3,416 paid for by SRB underspend grant '02)	
Furniture	(Cost £898 paid for by SRB Underspend 02/03)	
Tables	(Cost £697 paid for by SRB Underspend 03/04)	
Stacking chairs	(Cost £736 paid for by Stevenage Community Trust Grant 04/05)	
New tables	(Cost £1,157 paid for by Young Women's Group 04/05)	
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Approved by the Trustees on:

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Date: 18-Jan-2024

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1170645

Accounts

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Charity No: 1170645

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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Charitable Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the association is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the St Nicholas area of Stevenage, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants 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.

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The trustees confirm that they have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Governance

The association is governed by the constitution dated 16th April 1975, which was later amended on 19th August 1994.

Achievements and Performance and Financial Review

At the year end the association held funds of £54,845 (2021 - £42,818) in various bank and cash accounts.

The receipts and payments account this year shows a net surplus of £12,027.

Risk Review

The trustees actively review the major risks which the association faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources for normal operating risks. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which are faced and confirm they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Chairman's Report

The chairman's report has been appended to these accounts.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The law applicable to Charities in England Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the associations financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to :

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

Signed: Date:

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st March 2022

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Photocopy sale income	18	-	18	8
Sundry Income	-	-	-	30
Room hire and lettings	42,089	-	42,089	10,610
Grants	34,103	-	34,103	26,758
Donations	77	-	77	5
Storage income	214	-	214	106
TOTAL RECEIPTS	76,501	-	76,501	37,518
PAYMENTS				
Water rates	1,760	-	1,760	1,641
Health and safety	357	-	357	335
Wages and salaries	26,766	-	26,766	27,460
Licences and subscriptions	1,969	-	1,969	1,578
Telephone charges	877	-	877	900
Cleaning materials/ costs	8,130	-	8,130	3,407
Printing, postage and stationery	405	-	405	336
Training and reference manuals	78	-	78	6
Sundry expenses	1,152	-	1,152	1,389
Heating and lighting	5,988	-	5,988	5,355
Repairs and renewals	570	-	570	4,061
Insurance	1,364	-	1,364	1,357
Waste disposal	615	-	615	542
Centre refurbishment	9,413	-	9,413	4,547
Gardening	482	-	482	130
Computer expenses	599	-	599	-
Advertising	-	-	-	350
Petty cash drawn	-	-	-	31
Professional Fees/ Accountancy & Legal	1,351	-	1,351	529
Discounts allowed	2,596	-	2,596	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	64,474	-	64,474	53,955
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	12,027	-	12,027	(16,437)
 <i>Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2021</i>			<u>42,818</u>	
 Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2022			<u>54,845</u>	

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2022

	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cash funds		
Bank current account	54,828	42,787
Building society account	-	-
Cash in hand	17	31
	<hr/> 54,845	<hr/> 42,818
Other monetary assets		
Room hire and lettings	4,091	629
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Liabilities		
Creditors	1,487	998
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Other Assets		
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Approved by the Trustees on;

Signed: Date:

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Basis of independent examiners report

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ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Accounts

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

Charity No: 1170645

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For the year ended 31st March 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Trustees Mr S Adeyemi (Chairman)
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ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees have the pleasure in presenting their annual report, together with the unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Charitable Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the association is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the St Nicholas area of Stevenage, by associating with local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants 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.

Additionally to establish or to secure the establishment of a community building and to maintain and manage or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objectives.

The trustees confirm that they have had regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Governance

The association is governed by the constitution dated 16th April 1975, which was later amended on 19th August 1994.

Achievements and Performance and Financial Review

At the year end the association held funds of £42,818 (2020 - £59,255) in various bank and cash accounts.

The receipts and payments account this year shows a net loss of £16,437 (£7,728). This reduction is mainly due to an increase in expenses, especially cleaning fees.

Risk Review

The trustees actively review the major risks which the association faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources for normal operating risks. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which are faced and confirm they have established systems to mitigate significant risks.

Reserves Policy

In the past the St. Nicholas Community Association has suffered a number of financial difficulties, are a result of unforeseen and unbudgeted expenditure or, more usually, unanticipated reductions in income. The intention of this reserves policy is to ensure that the organisation has adequate funds to meet both forecast and unexpected expenditures.

The current Trustees have reviewed and endorsed this policy, which is to try to build up and maintain a level of reserves in the form of cash deposited with banks or other sound financial institutions which can be accessed at short notice, and which would provide the Association with three months income. If all other sources of income dried up. In arriving at the three months income figure, the Trustees took into account;-

The likely impact of significant bank balances on the attitude of our principal grant providers, the probable scenarios which would result in a sudden and significant reduction of income, the undesirability of leaving large sums of money in the bank doing nothing for our area of benefit.

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that SNCA holds £29883 as its reserve for the twelve-month period 06.09.2020 to 06.09.2021 per the attached calculation. This will be reviewed annually, or sooner if government changes affect the estimated redundancy payments.

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- 1) the likely impact of significant bank balances on the attitude of our principal grant providers,
- 2) the probable scenarios which would result in a sudden and significant reduction of income,
- 3) the undesirability of leaving large sums of money in the bank doing nothing for our area of benefit.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Chairman's Report

The chairman's report has been appended to these accounts.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The law applicable to Charities in England Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the associations financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to :

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the association, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provision of the associations governing document. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

Signed: Date:

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st March 2021

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Photocopy sale income	8	-	8	-
Sundry Income	30	-	30	-
Room hire and lettings	10,610	-	10,610	53,647
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Grants	26,758	-	26,758	300
Donations	5	-	5	9,644
Sundry income	-	-	-	4,670
Bank deposit interest	-	-	-	847
Storage income	106	-	106	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	37,517	-	37,517	69,109
PAYMENTS				
Water rates	1,641	-	1,641	2,673
Health and safety	335	-	335	-
Wages and salaries	27,460	-	27,460	39,164
Licences and subscriptions	1,578	-	1,578	1,644
Telephone charges	900	-	900	914
Cleaning materials/ costs	3,407	-	3,407	15,611
Printing, postage and stationery	336	-	336	1,865
Training and reference manuals	6	-	6	155
Sundry expenses	1,389	-	1,389	2,304
Heating and lighting	5,355	-	5,355	7,869
Repairs and renewals	4,061	-	4,061	1,146
Insurance	1,357	-	1,357	1,357
Waste disposal	542	-	542	1,613
Centre refurbishment	4,547	-	4,547	-
Gardening	130	-	130	-
Grant aided projects	-	-	-	-
Advertising	350	-	350	-
Petty cash drawn	31	-	31	-
Professional Fees/ Accountancy & Legal	529	-	529	523
TOTAL PAYMENTS	53,954	-	53,954	76,837
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(16,437)	-	(16,437)	(7,728)

Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2020

59,255

Cash and bank balance at 31/03/2021

42,818

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For the year ended 31st March 2021

	Total 2021	Total 2020
Cash funds		
Bank current account	42,787	5,803
Building society account	-	53,452
Cash in hand	31	-
	<hr/> 42,818	<hr/> 59,255
Other monetary assets		
Room hire and lettings	629	6,367
	<hr/> 629	<hr/> 6,367
Liabilities		
Social security & other taxes	-	-
Creditors	998	18,317
	<hr/> 998	<hr/> 18,317
Other Assets		
For use by the Charity		
Extra playground items	(Cost £6,353.57 paid for by grants from Herts. Comm. Trust, SBC Comm. Trust, English P/ships Millennium project and fundraising - Oct. '00)	
New flooring	(Cost £2,000 paid for by grant from Joint Local Committee July '00)	
Patio slabbing	(Cost £2,169 paid for by grant from Joint Local Committee June '00)	
Cupboards and filing cabinets	(Cost £1,357 paid mostly by SRB underspend grant '02)	
Office furniture	(Cost £1,082 paid for by SRB underspend grant '02)	
New flooring	(Cost £3,416 paid for by SRB underspend grant '02)	
Furniture	(Cost £898 paid for by SRB Underspend 02/03)	
Tables	(Cost £697 paid for by SRB Underspend 03/04)	
Stacking chairs	(Cost £736 paid for by Stevenage Community Trust Grant 04/05)	
New tables	(Cost £1,157 paid for by Young Women's Group 04/05)	
Cupboard	(Cost £528 paid for by Young Women's Group 05/06)	
Blinds	(Cost £1,103.33 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 03/06)	
Photocopier	(Cost £1,231.40 paid for by SBC grant 04/06)	
Cupboard	(Cost £1,080 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 03/07)	
Electric Cooker	(Cost £1,522.13 paid in part by SCT and St Nicholas Community Association 07/07)	
Notice Boards	(Cost £298.22 paid by SCT grant 05/07)	
Mobile Screens	(Cost £620.22 paid by SCT grant 05/07)	
Folding tables	(Cost £769.39 paid by SCT grant 05/07)	
Kitchen units	(Cost £1,011.12 paid by SBC grant 11/08)	
Cooker	(Cost £776.75 paid by SBC grant 11/08)	
Fridge	(Cost £238.00 paid by SBC grant 11/08)	
Storage shed	(Cost £650.00 paid partly by Fijitsu Services 06/09)	
Garden benches	(Cost £754.84 paid partly by SBC grant 07/09)	
Built-in cupboards	(Cost £2,495.00 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 06/10)	
Storage shed	(Cost £1,014.09 paid for by grant aid from Councillor's budgets 01/12)	
New flooring	(Cost £1,147.50 paid partly by grant aid from Councillor's budgets 03/12)	
Printer	(Cost £360 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 08/13)	
Computer Equipment	(Cost £570.40 paid for by St Nicholas Community Association 08/13)	
Stacking chairs	(Cost £1440 paid by St Nicholas Community Association 02/14)	
CCTV Equipment	(Cost £680 paid by St Nicholas Community Association 02/14)	

Approved by the Trustees on;

Signed: Date:

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31st March 2021

The accounts have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Funds

General funds represent funds that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the Charity.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Charity can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised but not valued in Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

- Fixtures, fittings and office equipment where the Charity is free to dispose of such assets.

Closing bank balances are shown in the receipts and payments account.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

- Creditors for goods or services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st March 2021.
- Debtors where invoices had been raised by 31st March 2021.

Taxation

The trust is a Registered Charity (No. 1170645) and accordingly is not liable to taxation on its income.

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiners

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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