

ST NICHOLAS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Charity No: 1170645

Hargreaves Owen Chartered Certified Accountants

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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
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Charity number	1170645
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Principle address	The Community Centre 59 Canterbury way Stevenage SG1 4LJ
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Independent examiner	Karen Bunyan FCCA Hargreaves Owen Limited Red Sky House Fairclough Hall Halls Green Weston Hitchin Herts SG4 7DP
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Bankers	Barclays Bank plc North Herts Group 5/6 High Street Hitchin SG5 1BJ
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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

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 interest 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 constituents 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 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.

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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 same 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.

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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

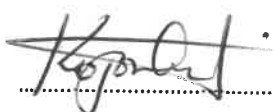
The law applicable to charities in England Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statement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



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.



Karen Bunyan FCCA

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Date: 25/09/2025

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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
	48,942	37,264
Other monetary assets		
Room hire and letting		2,338
	-	2,338
Liabilities		
Creditors		4,412
	-	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

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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.