



# Maidenhead Community Centre Trustees' Annual Report

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

## Introduction

The charity was formed to benefit the residents of Maidenhead and surrounding communities by maintaining and managing a community centre in Maidenhead to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents; and to promote use of the centre as a community facility and resource in Maidenhead and surrounding communities.

## Objectives and activities

### **Summary of the objectives of the charity (as set out in its constitution):**

To further or benefit the residents of Maidenhead and surrounding communities, 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 and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:  
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 objects.

## **Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives**

The charity maintains and manages a large community centre in Maidenhead at 4 Marlow Road.

The centre is available for community activities such as dance, yoga, painting, martial arts, religious groups, and a visiting chiropodist. It is also home to a Community Café, targeted at the elderly among others, and it has been used for charity fund-raising events.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. They consider that the provision of the halls, a cafe area with professional kitchen, and other rooms within the building, to local organisations and members of the public, fulfils an important public benefit. The level of fees charged is kept at as reasonable level as possible to provide the maximum community benefit and participation among all sectors of the population, while ensuring the long-term viability of the hall is also considered through adequate expenditure on investment and maintenance.

As the only community centre in central Maidenhead, it offers a unique benefit to the community, and especially those of impaired mobility in the high-density central areas who would struggle to travel to an out-of-town centre.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In 2024, our seventh year of operation, we have:

1. Improved the gardens around the community centre, with the completion of a Sensory Garden and Community Orchard.
2. Increased income and activity by 15% compared to 2023.
3. Obtained consent for the installation of solar panels.

## Financial Review

The majority of the charity's income comes from fees charged to hirers of the facilities. These totalled £112,178 for the year, improving on 2023's total of £94,385. The charity also received donations of £1,920, making its total income for the year £114,098.

The operating expenses were £80,111, being largely utility costs, and ongoing investment in repairs and maintenance. There was a surplus for the year of £18,513. Remaining cash funds of £29,187 were held in the bank account as at 31 December 2024.

## Reserves Policy

While the charity is run on a not-for-profit basis, we need to retain some funds in case of a sudden or sustained drop in income, so that we can continue to pay for the utility expenses and general upkeep of the centre. The trustees plan to build up reserves until our total target of £25,000 is met. The reserves policy will be reviewed and updated by the trustees as required, and at least annually. However, for 2024, we were again prevented from building up reserves due to decisions taken to improve long term financial sustainability.

All of our current reserves of £29,187 are unrestricted and can be spent at the discretion of the trustees.

## Structure, governance and management

The charity was constituted, and registered with the Charity Commission, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 3rd January 2017.

In accordance with the charity's constitution, the power to appoint new trustees lies with the existing trustees, by means of a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

The charity will be seeking new trustees through an open and fair recruitment process. When formally appointed new trustees will be provided with appropriate induction and training for their role.

## Reference and administration details

Charity name	Maidenhead Community Centre
Registered charity number	1170937
Charity's operating address	Maidenhead Community Centre 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HY
Charity's registered office	4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HY

### Names of the charity trustees:

Jack Douglas

Simon Chan

Hugh Evans

Zenith Douglas

**Bankers** HSBC, 1 Corn Market, High Wycombe HP11 2AY

**Independent Examiner** Alison Julia Gambold, FCCA, CTA, TEP

Valley View, Newbury Road, Great Shefford,  
Hungerford, Berkshire, RG17 7EE

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signature: .....

Full name: Jack Douglas

Date:


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
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**Hire:** Book our hall for community classes and activities. Our smaller rooms are ideal for small classes or meetings. Please visit our website for availability and prices.

**Donations:** Donations are gratefully accepted, either via our website or sent to the registered address above.

**Volunteers:** We are always looking for new volunteers. Everyone has something to give. Please telephone to discuss the opportunities available.

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Maidenhead Community Centre		1170937		CC16a	
		Receipts and payments accounts					
		For the period from	1 January 2024	To	31 December 2024		
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							
Donations	1,920	-	-	1,920	2,357		
Rental income	112,178	-	-	112,178	94,385		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	114,098	-	-	114,098	96,742		
A2 Asset and investment sales							
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-		
Total receipts	114,098	-	-	114,098	96,742		
A3 Payments							
Café costs of sales	98	-	-	98	-		
Repairs and maintenance	14,346	-	-	14,346	21,204		
Gardening	5,684	-	-	5,684	-		
Light and heating	35,186	-	-	35,186	38,437		
Water	3,176	-	-	3,176	1,911		
Cleaning and consumables	7,853	-	-	7,853	6,796		
Insurance	3,397	-	-	3,397	4,638		
Waste disposal	2,971	-	-	2,971	1,182		
Telephone and internet	3,553	-	-	3,553	3,300		
Printing and stationery	165	-	-	165	213		
Parking	-	-	-	-	813		
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,504	-	-	1,504	1,411		
Training	24	-	-	24	60		
Sundry expenses	541	-	-	541	310		
Donations	100	-	-	100	-		
Bounceback loan payments	1,586	-	-	1,586	1,586		
Bank charges	98	-	-	98	101		
Sub total	80,282	-	-	80,282	81,962		
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)							
Kitchen equipment	-	-	-	-	109		
Furniture and fittings	3,000	-	-	3,000	1,834		
Computer and other equipment	5,580	-	-	5,580	3,459		
Garden creation project	-	-	-	-	3,667		
Solar Panels project	6,723	-	-	6,723	-		
Sub total	15,303	-	-	15,303	9,069		
Total payments	95,585	-	-	95,585	91,031		
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,513	-	-	18,513	5,711		
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,674	-	-	10,674	4,963		
Cash funds this year end	29,187	-	-	29,187	10,674		

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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at Bank	29,187	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>29,187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
	Rental income debtors	8,824	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
	Kitchen equipment	General Fund	1,091	-
	Furniture and fittings	General Fund	8,688	-
	Computer and other equipment	General Fund	14,125	-
	Solar Panels project	General Fund	6,723	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
	Expenses due for December 2024	General Fund	5,714	
	Bounce back loan	General Fund	3,469	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		JACK DOUGLAS		6 Oct 2025
		SIMON CHAN		6 Oct 2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**Maidenhead Community Centre**

**On accounts for the  
period ended**

**31 December 2024**

**Charity no 1170937**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 December 2024.

**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 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 did not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

**Signed:**

*AJ Gambold*

**Date:**

*26/09/2025*

**Name:**

**ALISON JULIA GAMBOLD**

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

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