

Annual report

North Cambridge
Community Partnership

About North Cambridge Community Partnership

Now in its ninth year, North Cambridge Community Partnership (NCCP) is an umbrella organisation dedicated to supporting community groups across North Cambridge. While Cambridge is one of the UK's wealthiest cities, it is also one of the most unequal, and North Cambridge is one of its most economically, socially and linguistically deprived communities. By acting as a hub for community organisations, NCCP aims to build support networks and open horizons for residents across North Cambridge.

Our values

- Supporting equality and opportunities for residents of North Cambridge
- Improving education in North Cambridge
- Encouraging community spirit and connection
- Improving living standards and facilities
- Creating a platform for North Cambridge voices to be heard across the city
- Making help accessible with dignity

Our strategies

- Building bridges between North Cambridge community organisations
- Offering support services where appropriate or signposting to relevant agencies
- Working with local schools, traders, churches and public bodies to make sure the population know what is available
- Working with corporate partners for investment in the community



2025: Our year in review

**Over £10,000 dedicated
to community activities**
(2024-25 financial year)

**Over 50
events held**

**Over 1500 community
members reached**

2025 has been an exciting year for NCCP - from our regular museum visits to English language conversation groups, sports sessions and children's clubs, we've continued our mission to create opportunities for connection and community engagement across North Cambridge. Our Repair Café, hosted alongside Cambridge Carbon Footprint, has seen over 30 items saved from landfill, while our Seed Swap with B&Q has offered free seeds to all our prospective gardeners. We've also ventured beyond Cambridge with subsidised trips to Great Yarmouth and Hampton Court.

By working with local universities and businesses, we have been able to ensure that North Cambridge voices are heard across the city. At Cambridge University's Conversations with the Public, residents of North Cambridge were invited to voice their opinions on how the university can help enhance community provision. Meanwhile, a pantomime organised with Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) saw young people from North Cambridge Academy perform alongside ARU students - a fantastic opportunity to learn and build confidence. Our partnership with NatWest has enabled us to provide free financial advice, while our collaboration with Raspberry Pi has generated a weekly coding club for local children. We're hugely grateful to all our partners for enabling us to carry out these vital learning and support initiatives.

Our activities

Children and parents

Our range of children's clubs is ever-growing due to their popularity. Our Lego Club is building creativity brick by brick, while our Science Club – held in collaboration with Cambridge Science Centre – gives children access to inspiring real-life scientists. In September we started a brand new Coding Club in collaboration with Raspberry Pi – an opportunity for 11-14 year olds to learn vital career skills. We have also piloted a new Youth Club offering 12-15 year olds free guitar lessons, crafts and a space to chat and chill. The pilot complete, we look forward to starting the club in earnest at the end of January 2026.

Kinnerz Coaching's football offering has continued to inspire local children to get active. Their Saturday football club, held at North Cambridge Academy, sees over 150 3- to 13-year-olds of all abilities find their feet every year. In half terms and summer holidays, their Football Fun Days provide a safe and active summer activity where children can make friends through fun and games.

We also created some exciting one-off opportunities for children to get groovy. SIN Cru hosted a series of five free breakdancing classes in Campkin Community Centre to help kids get moving. Meanwhile, Millers Music made a generous donation of ukeleles to North Cambridge Academy and offered free music lessons, giving children the chance to make their own music and learn to play their favourite songs.

Our free Little Rainbows Playgroup has proved to be a vibrant and welcoming space for parents to bring their toddlers. With fun activities including sand play, crafts and games, Little Rainbows offers a safe environment for toddlers to play and learn. The playgroup has also grown into a meeting place for parents – especially those with English as a second language – to exchange information and support.



Community clubs

We run a number of community clubs for North Cambridge residents. With around a quarter of UK adults feeling lonely on a regular basis¹, our clubs offer opportunities to build connections while learning vital skills or improving health.

The Gardening Club has been busy transforming Cambridge's underused public spaces into fruitful oases through edible landscaping. The club sees local residents come together and share skills while rejuvenating neglected corners of our city. Residents can bring seeds from our Sunday seed swaps, run in partnership with B&Q and Trumpington Allotment Society, which offer a space to share surplus seeds and plants and chat with expert gardeners.

Another sustainable initiative is our Repair Café, where experienced volunteer repairers help fix damaged items and make them suitable for reuse. This year over 30 items were fixed, including jewellery, electrics, bikes and clothes, helping prevent waste and protect pockets.

For those looking to get fit, we offer weekly Pilates sessions to transform mind and body. At £6 per class, the Pilates Club is an affordable way to get healthy in a supportive community environment.

Our weekly English conversation practice sessions offer North Cambridge's large community of English as an Additional Language (EAL) speakers an informal space to socialise and build fluency. Alongside these classes we offer targeted English language practice and individual practice sessions, which are vital in helping EAL speakers feel confident in their communities.

Our outreach and events

Alongside our work inside North Cambridge, we run a number of events which help expand horizons and ensure residents are heard across the city. This year's events have included museum visits, coastal trips and outreach thanks to partners including Cambridge's universities and NatWest bank.



We have continued to offer a range of museum visits supported by the University of Cambridge. The Whipple and Sedgwick Museums opened their doors with days out for North Cambridge children, while Kettle's Yard came to us for an art workshop encouraging hands-on artistic expression. In October, NCCP community members were offered free access to the Fitzwilliam Museum's Made in Ancient Egypt exhibition, with extraordinary artefacts and inspiring historical research on display.

Alongside our museum visits we have offered subsidised trips further afield. In July we visited Southend-On-Sea for a day of family fun at the beach, arcades and famous pier. We also arranged a trip to Hampton Court Palace to take place in early 2026 – an exciting opportunity to access history at a low price.

In June we facilitated the University of Cambridge's Conversations with the Public, a meeting of representatives of the University and the local community to discuss concerns and community provision. The meeting featured productive discussions on a range of issues, including access to recreational facilities, housing, transport, environmental sustainability and support services for residents. As Cambridge continues to see stark differences in wealth and investment between the University and local communities, the meeting marked a positive step towards greater equality and University involvement in the community.

Also in June, we organised a visit from representatives of NatWest to advise students from North Cambridge Academy about scams and fraud. The students learned about how to recognise various

types of scams, including via phone, email and social media. We have also provided computer support by signposting residents to Cambridge Online's free drop-in sessions at Arbury Court Library and assisting with registration for online courses. We celebrated summer in style with our summer festival at Nuns Way Pavilion & Recreation Ground. There was fun for all the family, with entertainments including bouncy castles, music and dance troupes, face painting and food stalls. Science experiments run by Trinity Science Centre and music performances by pupils from local schools made the event inspiring and educational. There were also opportunities for people to receive practical support: representatives of several charities were present, and bicycle experts provided maintenance demonstrations.



The year ended with a range of cracking Christmas activities. Instead of hiring a theatre troupe to perform a pantomime, we approached ARU to include some of our young people in theirs. The result was a great success, with over 150 hours of youth engagement producing a fantastic performance of Cinderella in the Mumford Theatre. In Arbury Court, festivities included the annual lighting of our Christmas tree by the Mayor to the tune of carols by local schoolchildren. Afterwards, children had the opportunity to meet Santa in the library in an evening of community Christmas magic.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH 2025

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES:

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Objectives and activities

The North Cambridge Community Partnership ('the Partnership') is established for charitable purposes and is governed by a Trust Deed dated 16th January 2017. In accordance with its Trust Deed, the Trust's principal objective is to hold funds and income thereon for the benefit of charitable institutions or purposes, at the Trustees' discretion. During the year no capital assets were appointed to the Trust.

The Trustees' role is to hold the Trust funds upon trust and to apply the capital and income thereon for the benefit of charitable institutions and purposes.

During the year the Partnership organised and hosted various events for the benefit of the local community. The Trustees believe these activities meet the stated aims of the Trust and Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Public Benefit

In accordance with its Trust Deed and the Donors letter of wishes, the Trust provides public benefit by organising and hosting various events for the benefit and support of the local community.

Trustees

The Trustees of the Board are set out on the Charity Information page. Further Trustees can only be appointed by the current Trustees for the time being.

Financial review

The income and expenditure for the year is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities (the SOFA) on page 8 and the accompanying notes to the accounts. The total income for the year amounted to £7,244 (2024: £25,058).

The total expenditure this year amounted to £32,375 (2024: £34,139). There was a net unrestricted deficit of £17,076 and a net restricted deficit of £8,055 (2024: overall deficit of £9,081).

Assets

The assets are held in pursuance of the Charity's objectives. The net current assets of the Charity amounted to £66,442 (2024: £91,972).

Reserves policy

The Trustees have examined the requirement for free unrestricted reserves and consider that they should aim to ensure sufficient working capital to cover 6 months' staff employment costs and establishment costs. The amount needed to meet this was £8,900 at 31st March 2025 (2024: £9,900). The balance held as unrestricted funds at 31st March 2025 was £59,948 (2024: £81,509).

Funding

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and to enable the Charity to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



DATE : 15.12.2025

DR EILEEN ANGELA SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON
TRUSTEE AND CHAIRMAN

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of North Cambridge Community Partnership for the year ended 31st March 2025.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the Trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



NIGEL A PRENTIS FCA
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF;
PRENTIS & CO LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS &
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Dated: 01/12/2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
INCOME							
Grants	3	-	-	140	-	16,050	16,050
Charitable activities	4	7,104	140	7,104	9,008	-	9,008
Total Income		7,104	140	7,244	9,008	16,050	25,058
EXPENDITURE							
Charitable activities:							
Event costs		-	7,939	7,939	-	7,394	7,394
Sports project		1,919	-	1,919	-	745	745
Science Club		-	256	256	-	-	-
Pilates Club		202	-	202	-	-	-
Total		2,121	8,195	10,316	-	8,139	8,139
Establishment costs:							
Light and heat		5	-	5	210	-	210
Cleaning		401	-	401	1,032	-	1,032
Maintenance		1,254	-	1,254	2,017	-	2,017
Total		1,660	-	1,660	3,259	-	3,259
Staff costs:							
Gross salaries		17,053	-	17,053	2,289	13,913	16,202
Pension costs		331	-	331	-	147	147
Training		70	-	70	-	-	-
Total		17,454	-	17,454	2,289	14,060	16,349
Support costs:							
Post and stationery		105	-	105	-	-	-
Insurance		215	-	215	262	522	784
IT and website		502	-	502	-	-	-
Sundry expenses		340	-	340	-	-	-
Depreciation		100	-	100	-	-	-
Total		1,262	-	1,262	262	522	784
Governance costs:							
Accountancy		1,683	-	1,683	144	885	1,029
Legal costs		-	-	-	-	608	608
Governance		-	-	-	475	1,052	1,527
Total		1,683	-	1,683	619	2,545	3,164
Grants repaid							
Cambridge City Council		-	-	-	2,444	-	2,444
Total Expenditure		24,180	8,195	32,375	8,873	25,266	34,139
Net movement in funds for the year		(17,076)	(8,055)	(25,131)	135	(9,216)	(9,081)
Transfers between funds		(4,485)	4,485	-	(15,329)	15,329	-
Total funds brought forward		81,509	10,463	91,972	96,703	4,350	101,053
Total funds carried forward		59,948	6,893	66,841	81,509	10,463	91,972

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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5	-	399	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank	-	69,843	-	95,348	-
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	3,401	-	3,376	-
Net Current Assets			66,442		91,972
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			66,841		91,972
RESERVES					
Restricted funds	8	-	6,893	-	10,463
Unrestricted funds	8	-	59,948	-	81,509
TOTAL FUNDS	8	-	66,841	-	91,972

For and on the behalf of the trustees,



DR EILEEN ANGELA SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON
TRUSTEE AND CHAIRMAN

Dated: 15.12.2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) INCOME RECOGNITION

All income and grants are now recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income:

(c) DONATIONS

Donations and all other receipts from fundraising are reported gross.

(d) VALUE ADDED TAX

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(e) EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Cost of raising funds are costs associated with managing investments.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services to beneficiaries. Governance costs include costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity.

(f) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write-off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset evenly over their expected useful lives as follows:

Computer Equipment: - 20% straight line basis (on cost)

(g) FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

(h) GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the Charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. TAXATION

The CIO is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

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3.	GRANTS	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
	Cambridge City Council (organisation governance & community activities)	-	-	-	-	9,050	9,050
	Cambridge City Council (Nun’s Way)	-	-	-	-	7,000	7,000
	Cambridge County Council (Literacy Project)	-	140	140	-	-	-
		-	140	140	-	16,050	16,050
4.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
	Room Hire	4,461	-	4,461	6,689	-	6,689
	Event Income	2,282	-	2,282	1,872	-	1,872
	Other income	231	-	231	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous donations	130	-	130	447	-	447
		7,104	-	7,104	9,008	-	9,008
5.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS						
	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 COST						
	Balance at 1st April 2024	Computer Equipment £					
	Additions	1,447					
	Balance at 31st March 2025	499					
	DEPRECIATION						
	Balance at 1st April 2024	1,447					
	Charge for the year	100					
	Balance at 31st March 2025	1,547					
	NET BOOK VALUE AT 31ST MARCH 2025	399					
	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS						
	YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 COST						
	Balance at 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024	Equipment £					
		1,447					
	DEPRECIATION						
	Balance at 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024	1,447					
	NET BOOK VALUE AT 31ST MARCH 2025	-					
6.	TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES						
	The Charity considers its key personnel to be the Trustees. No Trustee received remuneration in the year (2024: £Nil). They were reimbursed for expenses totalling £40 (2024: £NIL).						

7.	CREDITORS			2025 Due within one year £	2024 Due within one year £
	Accruals			900	900
	Trade creditors			579	978
	Wages, PAYE and Social Security			1,917	1,493
	Other creditors			5	5
				<hr/> 3,401	<hr/> 3,376

8.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - 2025	Balance at 1st April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance at 31st March 2025 £
	Cambridge City Council (Policy development)	799	-	-	-	799
	Cambridge City Council (NCCP - Community Activities)	3,454	-	(7,939)	4,485	-
	Cambridge City Council (Digital Grant)	170	-	-	-	170
	Cambridgeshire County Council (Literacy Project)	1,376	140	-	-	1,516
	City Fibre (Coding Club)	3,478	-	-	-	3,478
	Cambridge Science Centre (Science Club)	1,186	140	(256)	-	930
		<hr/> 10,463	<hr/> 140	<hr/> (8,195)	<hr/> 4,485	<hr/> 6,893
	Unrestricted funds	81,509	7,104	(24,180)	(4,485)	59,948
	TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> 91,972	<hr/> 7,244	<hr/> (32,375)	<hr/> -	<hr/> 66,841

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - 2024	Balance at 1st April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance at 31st March 2024 £
Cambridge City Council (Policy development)	799	-	-	-	799
Cambridge City Council (Lawrence Way - rent contribution)	(2,543)	-	-	2,543	-
Cambridge City Council (Organisation governance)	(4,828)	-	-	4,828	-
Cambridge City Council (NCCP - Community Activities)	6,891	9,050	(12,487)	-	3,454
Cambridge City Council (Nun's Way - SLA)	(2,179)	7,000	(12,779)	7,958	-
Cambridge City Council (Digital Grant)	170	-	-	-	170
Cambridgeshire County Council (Literacy Project)	1,376	-	-	-	1,376
City Fibre (Coding Club)	3,478	-	-	-	3,478
Cambridge Science Centre (Science Club)	1,186	-	-	-	1,186
Living Sports	-	-	-	-	-
	<hr/> 4,350	<hr/> 16,050	<hr/> (25,266)	<hr/> 15,329	<hr/> 10,463
Unrestricted funds	96,703	9,008	(8,873)	(15,329)	81,509
TOTAL FUNDS	<hr/> 101,053	<hr/> 25,058	<hr/> (34,139)	<hr/> -	<hr/> 91,972

9. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**
There have been no related party transactions in 2025 or 2024. Details of any reimbursed expenditure has been disclosed at note 6.

10. **AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**
The average number of employees for the year was 1 (2024: 3 part time).

Looking forward: our vision & objectives for 2026

As we move forward into 2026, we're looking for ways to expand the reach of our work in the North Cambridge community. While much brilliant work has been done to support opportunity and community provision in North Cambridge, there is still a long way to go towards making Cambridge a more equal city.

We would like to expand our fundraising efforts, taking control of our costs and creating a sustainable income stream. In 2024-25, we raised over £7,000 through charitable activities and grants. This year we will seek closer collaborations with companies in the Science Park to improve our chances of financial sponsorship. We are also seeking to redefine how we present NCCP to the outside world, including our marketing and social media strategies, to improve our success in grant applications.

We will use the money raised to better identify our core targets and reach more members of the North Cambridge community. North Cambridge is one of Cambridge's most diverse areas, and we would like to reach more residents isolated by language to ensure they can access community support. Our aim is to increase awareness of our work and encourage more people to volunteer so that we can expand the reach of what we do. We also plan to create a community garden where North Cambridge residents can grow fruit and vegetables in their own allotments.

Our long-term goal is to hire our own premises and staff who can dedicate themselves to supporting North Cambridge. Our premises would act as a hub for people to access support and host events which contribute to an active and vibrant community life.

Our supporters

We are grateful to all the volunteers and donors who make our work possible. If you'd like to get involved, email talk@nccp.org.uk to become a volunteer or donate online at nccp.org.uk/get-involved/.

Our corporate partners help bring the prosperity of Cambridge's business sector to all areas of the city. If your company would like to make a difference, get in touch via email at talk@nccp.org.uk.



Support from local traders:

Les Ward, Art of Meat, Dorrington's, Cam Home and Garden

ⁱ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/well-being/bulletins/publicopinionsandsocialtrends/greatbritain/1to-11june2023>



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