

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025
Period end date

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Overton Community Association

Other names charity is known by

OCA

Registered charity number (if any)

1171431

Charity's principal address

Overton Community Centre

Winchester St, Overton

Basingstoke

Postcode

RG25 3HS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Paula Baker | Chair | | Members of OCA |
| 2 | Susan Carter | Secretary | | ditto |
| 3 | Robert Challen | Treasurer | | ditto |
| 4 | John Davenport | | From 19 March 2025 | OCA Trustees |
| 5 | Stephen Williams | Vice Chair | | Members of OCA |
| 6 | Lauren McCann | | From 17 September 2024 | Members of OCA |
| 7 | John Troman | | From 17 September 2024 | Members of OCA |
| 8 | Colin Phillimore | | From 19 March 2025 | OCA Trustees |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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| N/A | |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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| Independent Inspector of Accounts | K.M. Rafferty BA FCMA CGMA | Lumarden, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell, Basingstoke Hants RG25 2LT |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | Association |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Elected at AGM or elected by Trustees to fill vacancies |

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(A) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Overton and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating the 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.

(B) To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (the Centre) and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority or any other body nominated by them in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above Objects.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Community Centre is used by many clubs and societies. It is "home" for a Pre-School Playgroup, a Public Library, the Parish Council, elderly persons' lunch and social clubs, an advice centre, the WI, a folk club, fitness classes, a foot clinic and a Repair Café. It is also used for private parties and one-off events.

The forecourt of the Centre is known as "The Village Square". It serves the function of a village green for local people to relax and socialise. It is used for major village events, such as the Christmas Market and the Sheepfair. The building itself is extremely attractive, of historic interest and Grade II Listed. It is the focal point of Overton Conservation Area and helps make the village attractive.

All the Trustees decisions are made with regard to the public benefit they will bring.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to the many volunteers who give their time to maintain the building, its surrounding flower beds and paved areas. Volunteers also erect Christmas lights and a large, decorated Christmas tree making the Centre of the village positively magical and loved by all.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees organised a fundraising quiz night in April which was very well attended, enjoyed by all and raised a substantial sum. With the help of many volunteers, they made great improvements to the forecourt of the Centre, known as "The Village Square". It serves the function of a village green for local people to relax and socialise. The façade of the building was repaired; it is the focal point of Overton Conservation Area and helps make the village attractive.

In preparation for Jane Austen's 250th Anniversary year Trustees worked with a local heritage group to provide a site in the Square for an interpretation board promoting Overton's links to the author. The unveiling of the board was carried out by the Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane.

The Trustees decided to organise a free, open air, weekend long, music festival to showcase local talent, support local business and give youngsters the experience of playing a range of musical instruments. They were very grateful for being offered grant aid from Overton Parish Council.

During the year they worked with other local organisations to survey unmet local needs and plan ways of meeting them. To improve the venue's value to the community Wi-Fi has now been provided.

In recognition of the loss business, the increased cost of maintenance and repairs, plus the reduced availability of grants, the OCA is working to develop further services to support the community and to generate income.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

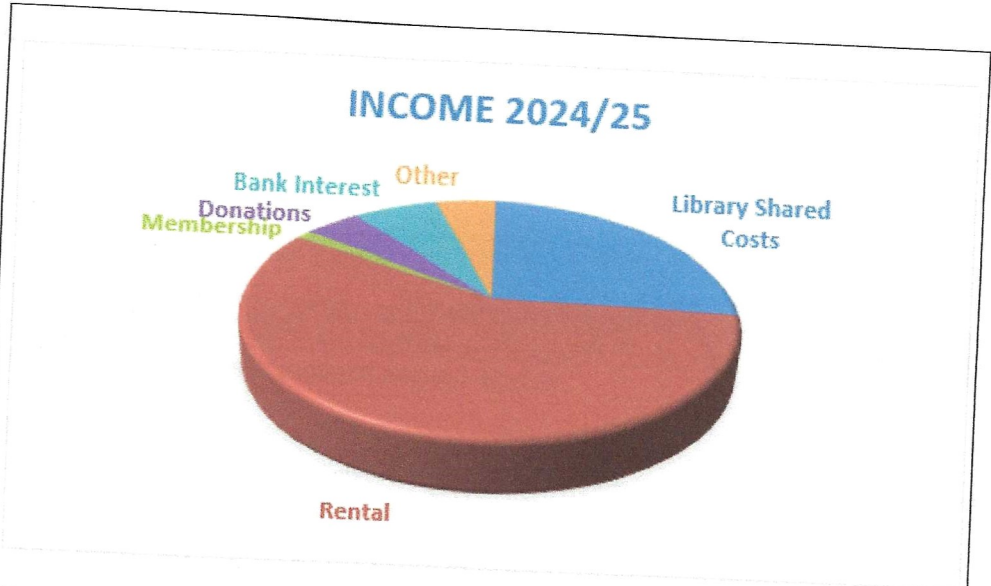
The OCA Reserves Policy is to hold an estimated six months running costs aside in case the Community Centre is unable to be used for any reason. It also covers unforeseen emergency repairs. As the Centre was built in 1868 and is Grade II Listed, the Trustees believe it only prudent to hold a sufficient reserve to cover major repairs and renewals to items such as the heating system. The Trustees also consider the enhanced cost of repairs to Listed buildings.

During this year's reporting period it also held £20,000 in reserve for planned repairs to a major section of the building's roof. The limited opportunity for the work to be carried out safely during Playgroup holiday time and inclement weather combined to mean that the expenditure occurred in 2025-2026 rather than this reporting period.

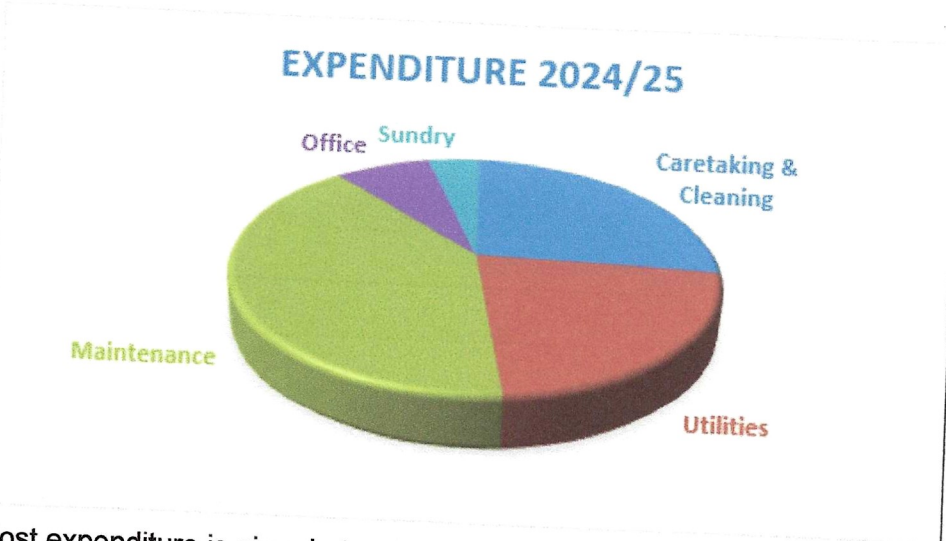
Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

- Further financial review details (Optional information)



Rental and shared library costs continue to dominate our income, representing fully 83% of total income. Whilst efforts to expand membership and run more events are welcome, ensuring we retain these two primary income streams is key.



Most expenditure is aimed at maintaining the fabric and appearance of the building, the small amount available for improvements in the year to 31 March 2025 included:

1. Provision of Wi-Fi
2. Alterations to the village square, in particular, very attractive planting in the bed behind the bus stop
3. Repairs to historic, decorative elements of the gables facing both High Street and Winchester Street.

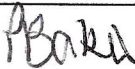

Section F

Other optional information

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | PAULA BAKER | SUSAN MARY CARTER |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | CHAIR | SECRETARY. |
| Date | 17/9/2025 | |