

**The Mount Community Association (CIO)**  
**1171474**

**Financial Statement**  
**For the 12-month period ended**  
**31 December 2024**

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# Legal and Administrative Information

**Name:** The Mount Community Association (CIO)

**Charity No:** 1171474

**Principal Address:** Thomas Street  
Eighton Banks  
GATESHEAD  
Tyne & Wear  
NE9 7YA

**Trustees:** Ronan Kenny (Secretary)  
Claire Parnell  
Tracey Simpson  
Diana Kenny  
Karen McBryde  
Kevin McBryde  
Lisa Johnson  
John Paul Johnson  
Tracey Wallace

**Bankers:** NatWest Bank  
Chatham Customer Service Centre  
Western Avenue  
Waterside Court  
Chatham Maritime  
Chatham  
Kent  
ME4 4RT

# Trustees Annual Report

## Objectives and Activities

To further or benefit the residents of Gateshead and the neighbourhood, 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.

## Summary of Main activities

Provides social and educational facilities for the local area in the form of a regular baby group (run by Gateshead council Family Hub), coffee mornings, party nights and a community garden. A monthly club for parents and young children is also held at the hall. The hall and garden are available to members of the community to hire for private parties and events, and the garden is open to all to relax, enjoy and get involved in.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

## Activities and Achievements

Our ongoing refurbishment efforts for the hall are yielding positive results, as evidenced by increased usage and favourable feedback from hirers regarding the improvements. However, access to the hall was restricted for part of the year due to work undertaken by Northumbrian Water in connection with the new reservoir construction in Springwell Village. The resulting limitations were only partially compensated by Northumbrian Water.

A Scout club now uses both the indoor and outdoor facilities. The hall has been used for fundraising events supporting various charities. New corporate hires joined, and a Sushi school event was hosted, which had good attendance and contributed to the organiser's presence in the area. Christmas activities included Breakfast with Santa, Polar Express film showing, a complimentary Christmas lunch for elderly residents, and the annual Christmas fayre. The book club continues, and we now have a Little Library outside the main entrance offering books for all ages.

Our ongoing collaboration with Skills4Work involved their volunteers maintaining and enhancing a designated area of our community garden, as well as facilitating engagement with senior residents through afternoon tea sessions. Through our partnership with Skills4Work, we attained Level 5 in the Royal Horticultural Society's "It's Your Neighbourhood" award.

**Reserves Policy:**

It is the policy of the charity to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to a level that equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time. This is estimated at £5,000 and is held in our reserve account.

**Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.


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 them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name: Ronan Kenny

Position: Secretary

Signature: 

Date 14/10/2025

# Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Mount Community Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Mount Community Association for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed by email

Name: Craig I Simpson

Date: September 7, 2025

## Receipts and Payments

### For the 12-month period ending 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
Receipts	£	£	£
Grants and Donations – Note 1	20384.99		20384.99
Entry and Events	6533.39		6533.39
Refreshments/Food	0		0
Hire of Hall & Facilities	5633.08		5633.08
Raffles	0		0
Bank Interest	152.78		152.78
Other	1189.95		1189.95
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>33894.19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33894.19</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Utilities & Insurance	5464.70		5464.70
Cleaning Materials	443.68		443.68
Refreshment Area Expenses	1118.75		1118.75
Events	1917.06		1917.06
Equipment/Refurbishment/Repairs	4997.54		4997.54
Security Equipment and Maintenance	21.05		21.05
Licences	425.32		425.32
Garden Equipment and Maintenance	2062.88		2062.88
Stationery & Advertising/Printing	0		0
Rent	0		0
Restricted Project Costs – Note 2	0		0
Other - Note 3	1750.53		1750.53
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>18201.51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18201.51</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
Cash Funds	£	£	£
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/23</i>			
Current Account	16682.20	0	16682.20
Petty Cash	100.00	0	100.00
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>16782.20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16782.20</b>
2024 receipts	33894.19	0	33894.19
2024 payments	18201.51	0	18201.51
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) on the year</b>	<b>15692.68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15692.68</b>
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/24</i>			
Current Account - Note 4	32374.88	0	32374.88
Petty Cash	100.00	0	100.00
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>32474.88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32474.88</b>

*Signed by one or two of the Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees*

Signature



Print Name  
Ronan Kenny

Date of Approval  
20/10/2025

## Notes to the accounts

1. The grants received during period:

Restricted Funds

None

Unrestricted Funds

May - Lamesley Parish Council £900

National Highways £3240.97

June - RWE Environmental £500

September - Postcode Lottery £15000

November - Gateshead Council £100

2. Other income includes £900 ex gratis compensation payment from Northumbria Water

3. Restricted project costs spent during period:

None

4. Other expenditure includes payment from grant award shared with Skills For Work £1650

5. Bank accounts

EOY balances:

NatWest current	£9655.94
NatWest reserve	£22218.94
<u>Legacy Lloyds</u>	<u>£500.00</u>
	£32374.88