



**Annual Report/ Financial Statements
2024-2025**

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Structure

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Number of Employees: 2

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Signed:

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Position: Chairperson
Date: 31/03/2025

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Profit and Loss Statement	
For the period from 1/4/2024 to 31/3/2025	
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Overview	
Brought Forwards	-
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Grants & Donations	<u>25,432.12</u>
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Advertising	-
Insurances	<u>(3,874.09)</u>
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Sundries / Stationery / Equipment	<u>(1,499.39)</u>
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Volunteer Related	<u>(744.97)</u>
Petty Cash	<u>20.00</u>
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

CASTLELAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

march 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1178266

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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 do not accord with the accounting records

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

B J Shaw .

Date:

20 MAY 2025.

Name:

BARRY SHAW

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

N/A

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110 MERTHYR STREET

BARRY

CF63 4LD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.