

HKCA Annual Report, 2025

The Green High Kingsdown/Green Cotham gardening groups established by Karen have continued to maintain and improve the look and environment of the High Kingsdown, while forging links with the wider community in weekly sessions on Wednesday afternoons. A grant from WECA grant has been successfully used, with lots of new planting, involving many students. Green Cotham has been awarded a grant of £15,000 from the National Lottery, which will cover two years' funding. A proportion of this will be spent on High Kingsdown.

Other residents have been funded by HKCA to carry out more planting and maintenance of the estate green areas.

A group meets regularly on Wednesday mornings to weed the lanes and pick up litter.

Kingsdown Sports Centre. A survey was included with the newsletter regarding ideas for potential development of the patch of land outside the sports centre but, due to a disappointing response, no further action has been taken.

Socials. The annual student welcome Bunch was again a great success and well attended, giving many of the new students the opportunity to get to know their neighbours in High Kingsdown and to feel welcomed into the community. The Christmas carol concert on the Green, with Colin Smith providing fantastic musical accompaniment, was also well attended and enjoyed.

BSCP. We are grateful to Anthony Negus for continuing to represent High Kingsdown on the Bristol Student Community Partnership.

University of Bristol Community Liaison. Steve Smith having moved to a new job at UWE, this year we welcomed Mark Aston as his replacement as University of Bristol Community Liaison Officer. Mark and his deputy, Sam Hosseini attended the AGM to introduce themselves.

Bin project. After the success of its first year, the High Kingsdown bin project, where a group of volunteers each takes responsibility for an allocation of neighbours to ensure that the waste and recycling process is well understood and correctly adhered to. Bristol Waste partner us in this process and have praised its effectiveness for an area with a high density of student residents.

Funding comes from subscriptions from the flats and houses, supplemented by grants and other donations.

Website. The updated web site has been well received and has led to several contacts from people searching for High Kingsdown.

Thanks to the committee and to all those who have worked on behalf of HKCA.

High Kingsdown Community Association**2024 Accounts**

Accounts as of 17 August 2025	<u>1/1/2024 to 31/12/24</u>	<u>1/1/2023 to 31/12/23</u>	<u>1/1/2022 to 31/12/22</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Donations to Communal Fund (Including Sumup)	1,148.12	1,289.47	1,306.36
Donations collected by Co-op	-	110.50	103.24
Donation from "Killing Kind"	-	2,000.00	-
Donations from LARKIN AV LIMITED	2,000.00	-	-
Donation to Green Fund	-	500.00	-
Carol Singing for Charity	27.92	30.52	52.10
Donations for M. Lean Bench	-	357.00	-
Adverts for HK News	-	140.00	-
Thank you to Dr Nirzer Mate	-	-	50.00
Grant from Bristol University	250.00	250.00	250.00
Grant from Co-op	30.00	-	300.00
Income from social events	110.89	-	191.33
	<u>3,566.93</u>	<u>4,677.49</u>	<u>2,253.03</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Hire of Room for AGM	68.00	67.50	-
Other Open Meeting Costs	89.15	245.32	22.93
	-	-	-
Newsletter	-	480.33	648.00
Gifts	29.00	12.25	128.05
Spending on Estate Walls	-	-	-
Spending on Estate Green	1,162.21	888.07	1,378.96
Charity Expenses (Including Insurance)	104.49	279.00	186.83
Committee Meeting Expenses	5.99	43.20	47.88
Graffiti Removal	-	135.92	93.80
Support for KSC Community Purchase	-	-	1,000.00
Social Events	873.19	1,059.87	758.59
Caroling Donation to Shelter	-	30.52	-
Martin Lean Memorial	449.94	-	-
Bank Charges	60.40	63.10	65.04
	<u>2,842.37</u>	<u>3,305.08</u>	<u>4,330.08</u>
<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>	724.56	1,372.41	- 2,077.05
<u>General Fund Brought Forward</u>	5,458.49	4,086.08	6,163.13
<u>Total Funds Carried Forward</u>	<u>6,183.05</u>	<u>5,458.49</u>	<u>4,086.08</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>			
Cash in Hand	81.92	154.00	114.39
Bank Account	6,101.13	5,304.49	3,971.69
	<u>6,183.05</u>	<u>5,458.49</u>	<u>4,086.08</u>
<u>Split into:</u>			
Communal Fund	4,216.70	3,579.93	2,319.45
Wall Fund	1,414.48	1,414.48	1,414.48
Green Fund	551.87	464.08	352.15
	<u>6,183.05</u>	<u>5,458.49</u>	<u>4,086.08</u>

Martin Smith (Treasurer)
August 17, 2025

Checked 1/1/24 to 31/12/24 and found accurate

Signed

Date



31 Aug 2025.

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