



Low Hill Community Association (Hub)



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

2019

# TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

## LOWHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

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## LOW HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE TRUSTEES REPORT 2023/24

The 2023/24 year has continued to present challenges due to the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has made some members of our community hesitant to participate in in-person activities. However, we are pleased to report that attendance has been gradually improving.

### Financial Overview

Despite the positive trend, the centre will again operate at a loss this year, primarily due to significant expenditures on essential maintenance and improvements. We incurred high costs for repairing our electrical seating and repolishing the floors. Additionally, we invested in air conditioning to enhance the comfort of our visitors. These investments were made with the intention of maintaining the centre's facilities, ensuring a welcoming environment for everyone.

### Update on Regular Groups

Our regular groups have resumed their activities with notable participation from Good Companions, Sons of Rest, the Thursday Luncheon Club, and Monday & Wednesday Bingo sessions. The church groups, Revolution Dance, and the NHS are also actively collaborating with us, supporting school children and generating substantial income through their bookings. However, we faced a decline in bookings due to the increased caretaking costs, especially when alcohol is involved at events.

### Community Engagement and Training

In our commitment to safety and quality service, we invested a significant portion of our reserves in professional development for our staff. Our team has undergone training in first aid, food hygiene, manual handling, and fire marshalling. These efforts are crucial for ensuring the well-being of our community.

### **New Activities and Programs**

We are excited to report that our efforts to attract new participants have been successful. We have seen a surge in bookings for various activities, including Karate, Taekwondo, boot camp-style exercises, and boxercise classes. The demand for weekend lettings has also increased dramatically. Our employability courses have been highly successful, providing valuable skills and opportunities for participants.

### **Youth and Community Events**

We have been actively running programs for young children, such as the YES and Youth Program. Recently, we celebrated significant events like the King's Coronation and hosted an Easter Disco for kids, which were well-received by the community.

### **Looking Ahead**

We are currently exploring additional grants and funding opportunities to sustain our operations and continue serving the community. Our plans include reinstating more community events, reinforcing our role as a cornerstone of the neighbourhood rather than just a venue for hire.

### **Gratitude**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers, members, and supporters who have contributed to the centre's resilience and growth during these challenging times.

Chairperson

A. Blakeway



Vice Chair

George Marston





**Trustees Annual Reports and Accounts**  
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<b>INCOME</b>		<b>£ TOTAL</b>
GRANTS(RESTRICTED)	64,668.48	
SALES/ROOM HIRE	108,335.77	
OTHER INCOME	26,594.79	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>199,599.04</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Centre Running Cost	153,919.72	£
Equipment	16,167.10	
Event Cost	3,000.00	
Professional Fees	616.8	
<b>Less Total Expenditure</b>		<b>173,703.62</b>
<b>Profit for the Period</b>		<b>25,895.42</b>

**Statement of Reserves & Petty Cash**

Cash at Bank as at 31/03/2024 £157,352.69

Unrestricted Cash Reserves as at 31/03/2024  
£81,094.11

Restricted Cash Reserves as at 31/03/2024  
£21,087.81

Petty Cash as at 31/03/2024 £577.52



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Low Hall Community Association  
31/03/2024

On accounts for the year  
ended

Charity no  
(if any) 118033

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's 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 Trust'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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to  
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of  
applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have  
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that  
disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material  
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130  
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

Nh

Date:

31/03/2025

Name:

Norma Kuambana

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

I-MRC

(if any):

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.