



Low Hill Community Association (Hub)



# TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

LOWHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

01 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

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## TRUSTEES REPORT 2024/25

### Introduction

The 2024/25 year has continued to present both challenges and opportunities for the Centre. While the lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic still influence community confidence in attending in-person activities, we are pleased to report a steady improvement in attendance and engagement across our programmes.

### Financial Overview

The Centre recorded a **net deficit in funds of £12,425.10** for the year.

This deficit reflects the impact of significant capital expenditure undertaken during the year, rather than an overspend on day-to-day operations.

Total income for the year was **£168,677.32**, including both unrestricted and restricted income. Total operating expenditure amounted to **£142,993.22**, resulting in an **operating surplus of £25,684.10** before capital outflows.

However, after accounting for **capital expenditure of £38,109.20**, the Centre ended the year with a **net deficit (loss) of £12,425.10**.

These capital investments included essential improvements such as new heating and air-conditioning units, which enhance the long-term sustainability, safety, and comfort of the Centre.

### Income Streams

- **Room Hire** remains the primary source of unrestricted income, contributing **£47,955.76** (net of refunds), reflecting strong community engagement and utilisation of our facilities.
- **Grants** totalled **£105,889**, including support for Housing Support and HAF programmes, which continue to underpin much of our operational capacity.
- **Restricted income** for the year amounted to **£95.00**, allocated to specific programme activities.

### Expenditure Patterns

#### Operating Expenditure

Operating expenditure for the year totalled **£142,993.22**, covering the Centre's day-to-day running costs. These included utilities, maintenance, programme delivery, community shop operations, equipment purchases, and supplies. Centre running costs remain the largest area of expenditure, reflecting the breadth of services and activities delivered throughout the year.

Professional Fees amounted to **£776.60**, and Housing Support payments totalled **£30,000**, demonstrating our continued commitment to targeted community assistance.

## **Capital Expenditure**

Capital expenditure for the year totalled **£38,109.20**, relating to the installation of new heating and air-conditioning units and other essential improvements. These investments do not form part of operating expenditure and are the primary reason the Centre recorded a **net deficit** for the year.

## **Refunds and Adjustments**

Room hire refunds were correctly deducted from income, and refunds against running costs reduced overall expenditure, improving transparency and accuracy in reporting.

## **Update on Regular Groups**

Our regular groups have resumed activities with notable participation from Good Companions, Sons of Rest, the Thursday Luncheon Club, and Monday & Wednesday Bingo sessions. Church groups, Revolution Dance, and the NHS continue to collaborate with us, supporting school children and generating substantial income through their bookings. However, we have faced a decline in bookings due to increased caretaking costs, especially for events involving alcohol. As a result, we are considering raising room hire rates to help with running costs.

## **Community Engagement and Training**

We have invested in professional development for our volunteers, including training in first aid, food hygiene, manual handling, and fire marshalling. These efforts are crucial for ensuring the well-being of our community and maintaining high standards of service.

## **New Activities and Programmes**

Our efforts to attract new participants have been successful, with increased bookings for Karate, Taekwondo, boot camp, and boxercise classes. Weekend lettings have also risen dramatically. Our employability courses continue to provide valuable skills and opportunities for participants.

## **Youth and Community Events**

We have actively run programmes for young children, such as the YES and Youth Programmes. Recent events, including the King's Coronation celebration and an Easter Disco for children, were well received by the community.

## **Looking Ahead**

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

## **Gratitude**

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

  
A. Blakeway  
**Chairperson**

  
G Marston  
**Vice Chair**

**Low Hill Community Association**  
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INCOME	TOTAL £			
Sales/Room Hire	50,055.76			
Refund- Room Hire	- 2,100.00			
<b>Subtotal: Sales/Room Hire</b>	<b>47,955.76</b>			
Grants	75,889.00			
Grants - Housing Support	30,000.00			
Interest Earned	-			
Community Shop Receipts	14,737.56			
<b>Restricted Income</b>	<b>95.00</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>168,677.32</b>	<b>168,677.32</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Centre Expense	10,480.00			
Centre Activities	38,276.39			
Refund -Centre Expense/Activities	- 2,061.32			
<b>Subtotal -Centre Expense/Activities</b>	<b>46,695.07</b>			
CA Recharges ( Service Charges)	24,446.86			
Equipment	6,154.74			
Housing Support Expense	30,000.00			
Professional Fees	776.60			
Stationary Supplies / Printing	250.29			
Repairs & Maintenance	1,835.91			
Community Shop Expense	31,709.46			
Centre Activity Supplies	1,124.29			
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>142,993.22</b>	<b>- 142,993.22</b>		
<b>Operating Net Surplus</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,684.10</b>		

<b>Less Capital Expenditure ( Cash Outflow)</b>	-38109.2	<b>-38109.2</b>		
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>- 12,425.10</b>		

**Statement of Reserves & Petty Cash 31/03/2025**

	£
Opening Balance	101,825.22
Fixed Deposit Released	10,737.31
Net Movement in Funds	- 12,425.10
Closing Balance (Cash at Bank)	<u>100,137.43</u>

**Cash & Bank Balances at 31/03/2025**

Main Current Account	100,137.43
Fixed Deposit Released	10,737.31
Other Unrestricted Cash Reserves	81,998.73
Petty Cash	144.81
<b>Total Closing Cash</b>	<u><b>193,018.28</b></u>

Submitted By:

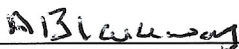


Charoline Daley - Finance Officer

Verified By:



George Marston- Vice Chair



Antony Blakeway - Chair





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
**LOW HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

On accounts for the year  
ended

**31 March 2025**

Charity no  
(if any)

**1180033**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/ 03/2025**.

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:

**29/01/26**

Name:

**Norma Kuambana**

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

**HMRC**

(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.