

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	Jan	2024		31	Dec	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

LYDGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1189411

Charity's principal address

Lydgate Parish Hall, 55, Stockport Rd

LYDGATE

Oldham

Postcode

OL44JJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jennifer Greenwood	Chair		
2	Rachel Damianou	Vice Chair		
3	Mark Rathbone	Treasurer	From 18.11.24	
4	Frank Boocock			
5	Julie Whitehead			
6	David Marshall			
7	Simon Edge			
8	Max Woodvine			
9	Sara Mitchell			
10	Al Gillian			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Association Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We continue to receive support from:-
Action Together, Oldham
Oldham MBC

We have a Management Agreement with St Anne's Church PCC, Lydgate who own the building we manage as our Community Hub.

We work closely with our Local Community Group, Love Lydgate.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To benefit the residents of Lydgate and the surrounding area to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation, leisure time and occupation, to improve conditions and experiences of residents.
To establish and run a community centre to promote the above activities.
To continue to support people in getting back into the community following the Covid pandemic. Especially those who feel isolated.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The LCA continues to create a number of opportunities for residents to get involved with activities that can be educational, creative, active or social.

The local demographic leans towards the more elderly and as a consequence this is reflected in the balance of activities.

However, we do cater for all age groups. The youngest being Rainbows for infant aged children through to exercise classes for the less mobile.

On a weekly basis there are 18 regular sessions running at the community hub, engaging on average 300 participants.

These activities include,

exercise groups, Circuit training, Zumba, Tai Chi, Pilates, personal safety, yoga and ballroom dancing.

Band rehearsals and choir practice.

A Stitchers Group engaged in textile crafts and a class for teenagers making their own clothes.

We are delighted that the girls uniformed groups use the hall every week, the energy of the leaders for the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers is matched only by the enthusiasm of the girls. Thursday night is a hive of activity.

On a less regular basis we run activities with our local community groups e.g. Plant Sales and Home Bake Days, Coffee Mornings where we focus on raising money for charities, meeting our local police officers or generally just spending time chatting.

Each month we have a talk from a visiting speaker on a wide range of topics and these are also a fund raiser for the LCA.

The hall which we manage is also a favourite venue for children's parties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

In this financial year 2023 to 24 we did not have policies on grantmaking and we do not have any investments..... only in our community !

From the outset of our Charity, we have enlisted the help of volunteers both in running activities and in improving, maintaining and running our community hub.

Indeed, volunteering is a key vehicle for engaging people in our project and helping them to feel valued. Several people who are post-retirement work practically on the building or in the grounds, pointing, painting cleaning and gardening.

It increases self-esteem, companionship and inculcates a sense of pride in the community and a sense of ownership.

The building is 156 years old and there is always lots to do.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Since 2020 when the LCA came into being we were forced to concentrate on the Parish Hall, which we needed as our community hub for activities that would enrich the community.

Lock Down limited our ability to run groups and get together but it also gave us a chance to concentrate on bringing the building up to standard both in terms of improving the fabric and creating a safe, warm and clean space for activities. There was a lot to do but we did it.

We then set about using the hub to bring people together and realise the objectives in our constitution.

2023 Changed our focus to some degree. We had benefited from grants and planned accordingly but we had a big shock in December 23 when we were hit by a very big and totally unexpected gas bill. The future looked uncertain not to say grim. However, the same determination and enthusiasm which brought us through Covid and taking on a rather neglected building spurred the Trustees into action. We were determined that improved and more long-term planning were vital.

We spent several sessions on strategic planning, developing a 3 year fully costed maintenance plan and tasked the Treasurer to look at long term financial forecasting. There would be no more surprises!

We looked at ourselves as Trustees, reviewing our roles and responsibilities as well as taking part in a Health Check administered by Action Together in June 2024.

Continuity was important and we set about amending our constitution to clarify what defined a term of office. This amendment was sent to the Charities Commission to be added to our documentation in April 2024.

Our three year plan also looked at how we could expand our activities across the community as well as attracting more users. We advertised more widely, networked with other community groups and created our own QR code to add to posters and fliers.

Practical work did not come to a stand still. With our local Community Group, we created an area of the hall into a Community Library, which is well managed by a volunteer librarian and well used. The shelving was provided by the LCA from a generous donation.

We applied for a grant to the local authority which allowed us to put in Wi-Fi and cover the cost for two years.

In a bid to have greater control of the heating we put in a Hive monitor which can be regulated and managed remotely.

Geographically the hall sits at the centre of the village and in a prominent situation in the locality. As Trustees we feel that with the work done to date it is truly earning its place at the heart of the community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

There was no policy in the year 2023- 24

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Jennifer V M Greenwood

Full name(s) Jennifer Valmai Margaret Greenwood

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chairperson

Date 15/10/2025



Receipts and payments

For the period
from

01.01.2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts		
	-	-
Rental Income	12,816	
Donations Received	1,542	-
Membership (Friends of LCA)	288	-
Grants Received	-	720
Fundraising Activities	91	-
HMRC Gift Aid Relief	-	-
	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,737	720
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).		
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-
Total receipts	14,737	720

A3 Payments

	-	-
Repairs, Refurbishments and Renovations	872	690
Tarmac Outside Area		

Replacement of Toilet Windows		
Chairs for Hall		
Memorial Bench		377
Electricity Cupboard and Storage		
Pots & Plants		206
Library Bookcase		219
Heat, light and water charges	12,666	
Insurance costs	502	
Internet Costs		251
Cleaning and cleaning expenses	2,686	
Website costs	156	
Postage, stationery and printing expenses	40	
Visual Display Equipment		
Sundry expenses	665	-
		-
Sub total	17,586	1,744

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)		
	-	-
	-	-
Sub total	-	-

Total payments	17,586	1,744
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,850	- 1,024
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,046	2,362
Cash funds this year end	18,196	1,339

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

Details

B1 Cash funds

Amount deposited at bank

Total cash funds

(agree balances with receipts
and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

B3 Investment assets

Details

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

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B5 Liabilities

Details

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of
all the trustees

Signature

Mark Rathbone

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payments accounts			
4	To	31.12.2024	



Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
-	-	-
-	12,816	14,483
-	1,542	11,069
-	288	216
-	720	2,040
-	91	28
-	-	805
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-	15,457	28,641

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-	1,562	6,832
		8,340

		2,258
		1,982
	377	
		2,820
	206	
	219	
	12,666	2,495
	502	501
	251	
	2,686	3,369
	156	190
	40	25
-	665	186
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-	19,330	28,999

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-	23,408	23,766
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Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Print Name	Date of approval
Mark Rathbone	10/21/2025