

Always Community

(Registered charity, number 1189909)

Financial statements

for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

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**Always Community
Trustees' annual report
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025**

Full name Always Community

Other names by which the charity is known AC

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1189909

Principal address

NBV Enterprise Centre, 6 David Lane, Nottingham, NG6 0JU

Trustees

Yancy Johana Holden

Colin Hyde

Alcot Walker

Adam Baker

Ruth Imenson, until 19/09/2025

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 11/06/2020 and most recently amended 26/02/2024.

We have looked for people who have supported the charity somehow, and talked to them about the responsibilities of becoming Trustees, after showing interest, they completed an application form, Once the Board has approved it, we have notified them and registered them at the Charity Commission.

Objectives and activities

To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, in Nottingham by: (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources; (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Connected Communities Project: we were able to deliver 22 cultural events reaching 248 participants from June 2024 until this 2025. Thanks to the feedback collected after the events, we know that the 97.1% of attendees said they learned about another culture and organisation during the event. 99.5% said they believed this kind of events help build community cohesion. 98.1% confirmed they would like to attend

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to similar events, and 99% thought that people from the community could benefit from these events. Some of the messages left by attendees were: I enjoyed the merging and interaction with a community which is very different from my own, it helps to understand other cultures; I wasn't lonely or scary meeting new people and it really felt like a sense of community. I also got to try new food I have never seen before, it was amazing; I liked it was so relaxed and informal, it allowed really organic and authentic discussion, the food was really appreciated; Food gives you a shared starting point to have conversation where you can identify commonalities between ourselves. One of the things that people enjoyed the most during our events was when artistic expressions were performed, as people felt how connected they can be through music and dance.

Cohesive Community Placements Project: this project was focused on encouraging cultural placements among diverse groups/organisations and people with different backgrounds. From June 2024 we were able to work with 13 different groups and organisations and 16 volunteers. It means we were able to impact 55 directly. From the 100% said they would recommend this experience to others. 100% asked if they could do another placement. 90% considered they learned about a different culture through the placement. 100% said they enjoyed learning from a different culture, making new friends, networking and felt their English skills improved. 84% said they gained experience and new skills after the placement.

Hand Up Project: we have served 145 (this figure is based on the average of people we plan to serve until the end of Dec 2025) refugee families since June 2024 until December 2025. From verbal and written feedback, we know 100% of users are satisfied with the support we have offered them.

Renew Crew Project: were able to reach at least 54 people, including volunteers and residents of the areas we cleaned up. Volunteers and residents expressed positive comments about this activity and said they would love to keep doing it.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Our projects seek to build a city where every person feels safe, seen, and valued, regardless of their background. We believe that meaningful change begins with human connection. By creating safe spaces where people can share cultural meals, stories, and traditions, we aim to replace fear with familiarity and break down the invisible walls that keep communities apart.

We want to foster a culture where diversity is not just accepted but truly understood and celebrated. When people get to know each other beyond stereotypes, it becomes easier to find shared values and build lasting relationships. These small acts of connection ripple outward, strengthening families, neighbourhoods, and eventually, the whole city.

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Our ultimate goal is to contribute to a more cohesive Nottingham, where rising community tensions are met with dialogue instead of division. We know from national studies that greater social cohesion directly reduces hate crime and creates safer and more resilient communities.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Through verbal and written feedback, people have expressed they have been able to feel more connected to the city they live now, and see that there are more people going through similar situations, making them feel less lonely. Attendees have also taken this as an opportunity to know more about different cultures and see what their commonalities are.

Our events are also a space where people can find joy and connection without the pressure of their life worries. Some attendees expressed how the events allowed them to have a nice time with other people they had just met. These events also encourage them to continue attending the classes or activities from the group/organisation and feel more connected to the other attendees.

Several attendees mentioned that it was their first time experiencing a meal or learning about a different country.

New flavours and traditions captivated the attendees. Following the event, some participants expressed an interest in visiting the country in the future and a willingness to learn more about other cultures.

Whilst collaborating with different student's societies, they expressed they found a safe space to celebrate their diverse backgrounds and experiences. When attendees truly connect with each other they feel comfortable sharing their life experiences, challenges and insights.

The impact of events went beyond. Some attendees kept the spirit alive after the events. Our partners mentioned how they looked for a public space to continue the conversation and stay a few hours together and how one event inspired a culture celebration that included people cooking and wearing traditional clothing. Our volunteers felt a desire to share their culture but also learn about some of the cultures that surround them in Nottingham. This was an opportunity for them to learn from new cultures and life experiences, integrating them further in to their community.

The charity's policy on reserves

Always Community has a policy on reserves, however, since it started it has been difficult to comply with this as most of the grants we have received were restricted or were linked to deliver specific projects, making almost impossible to have enough funds for reserves.

Monitoring and review:

The policy and general reserve target will be reviewed upon an annual basis.

Furthermore, the calculations of the required level of reserves will be an integral part of Always Community planning, budget and forecast cycle.

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Details of the current level of general reserve and a six-month projected level will form part of the quarterly financial statement to Board members. Responsibility for the day to day monitoring and evaluation of reserves rests with the Chief Executive, with assistance from the Treasurer and Office and Treasurer.

Additional Specified Reserves may be established by the Trustees as need arises and resources permit.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Yancy J. H. / Date 21-01-26
Yancy Johana Holden, Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Always Community
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Always Community (the charity) for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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.

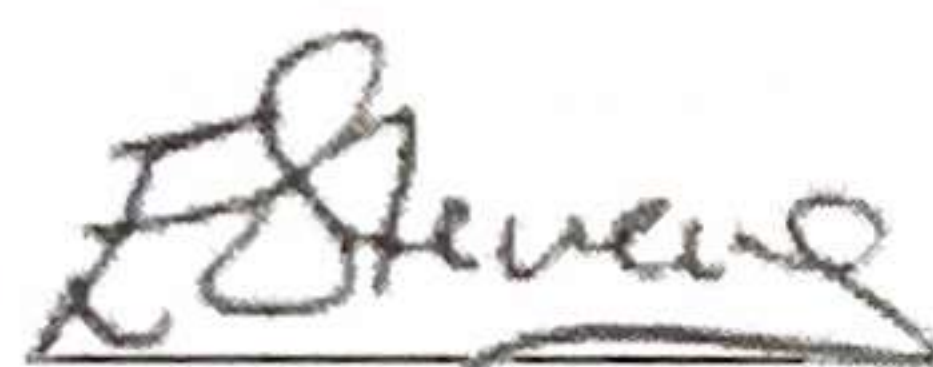
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed



Date 21/01/2026

Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

For period 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024		For period 01/07/2024 to 31/12/2025			
Total Funds £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
57111	Grants & donations	2	1099	17300	18399
100	Sundry receipts		-	-	-
-	HMRC (SMP)		4871	-	4871
<u>57211</u>	Total receipts		<u>5970</u>	<u>17300</u>	<u>23270</u>
Payments					
75	Advertising		-	15	15
296	Computer & internet expenses		-	95	95
3250	Events		-	2289	2289
192	Insurance		-	56	56
1982	Legal & professional		60	4342	4402
14	Office supplies		-	-	-
224	Printing & stationery		-	74	74
288	Publications & subscriptions		-	-	-
858	Recruitment		-	-	-
643	Rent & room hire		-	637	637
74	Staff training		-	921	921
35	Premises maintenance		-	-	-
525	Telephone, internet & postage		-	356	356
753	Travel & subsistence		-	423	423
983	Volunteer expenses		-	578	578
38579	Wages, NI & pension		5910	39340	45250
<u>48772</u>	Total payments		<u>5970</u>	<u>49126</u>	<u>55096</u>
8440	Net receipts/(payments)		-	(31826)	(31826)
23580	Cash funds at start of this period		154	31866	32020
<u>32020</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>154</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>194</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2025

2024		31/12/2025
£		£
	Cash assets	
32020	Bank accounts	194
<u>32020</u>		<u>194</u>
	Other monetary assets	
1517	Debtors -HMRC overpayment	3427
<u>1517</u>		<u>3427</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop purchased June 2022, Cost £1330.	
	Liabilities	
(696)	Creditors - Owed to employee	(380)
-	Creditors - pension	(257)
<u>(696)</u>		<u>(637)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Yancy J. H.
Yancy Johana Holden, Chair

Dated 21-01-26

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Notes to the accounts
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Barclays Bank	100	-	100
Refugee Roots2	999	-	999
Postcode Places Trust	-	12300	12300
The Jones 1986	-	5000	5000
	<u>1099</u>	<u>17300</u>	<u>18399</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Albert Hunt	3000	-	(3000)	-
Reaching Communities	28866	-	(28826)	40
Postcode Places Trust		12300	(12300)	-
The Jones 1986		5000	(5000)	-
	<u>31866</u>	<u>17300</u>	<u>(49126)</u>	<u>40</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>154</u>	<u>5970</u>	<u>(5970)</u>	<u>154</u>
	<u>154</u>	<u>5970</u>	<u>(5970)</u>	<u>154</u>

Albert Hunt: funds for Hand Up project, related to advice of universal credit for refugees.

Reaching Communities: fund used for Connected Communities and Cohesive Community project together.

Postcode Places Trust: deliver a project to benefit the public. We agreed to use part of this funds for our Hand Up Project, a programme to support refugees with Universal Credit access.

The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust: restricted funds to be spent on our Renew Crew Project. A pilot project of a community-led clean-up effort in marginalised neighbourhoods (Radford and Hyson Green).

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4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

6. Events after reporting period

The charity ceased operations on 31/12/2025. In accordance with the charity's governing document the remaining funds and assets will be transferred to the Refugee Roots, charity number 1184098, following the settlement of all outstanding liabilities.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.