

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

S.A.R.A. Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ

Registered Charity No. 1190529

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period ending 31st March 2025



KEY INFORMATION

Charity Name: **Sudley Area Residents' Association (SARA)**

Registered Address: **SARA Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ**

Charity No. **1190529**

Trustees:

Chairman: **Steven Kearney**

Jennifer Woodcock

Secretary: **Dot Caples**

Janette Porter

Treasurer: **Grenville Jefferies**

John Beamish (resigned: 5th Jul 2024)

Brenda Brown

Bernard Voiels (from: 2nd Aug 2024)

Janet Corke

Suzanne Metcalfe (from: 6th Sept 2024)

Jacqueline Bligh

Email: secretary@sudley.org.uk

Web: www.sudley.org.uk

SARA REGISTER OF MEMBERS

360 (+9) full members (permanent residents of the Sudley Area aged 18 years and over and these shall all have voting rights)

247 (+15) non-voting members (well-wishers anywhere)

1 (-) co-opted members (persons who, in the opinion of the Trustees, have special knowledge or experience to offer the Charity. Such members shall be called co-opted members and shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Charity)



2024-2025

Trustees have focussed on a number of key projects at SARA over the last twelve months around improvements to the building, filling a number of gaps in the weekly calendar and the recruitment of new trustees.

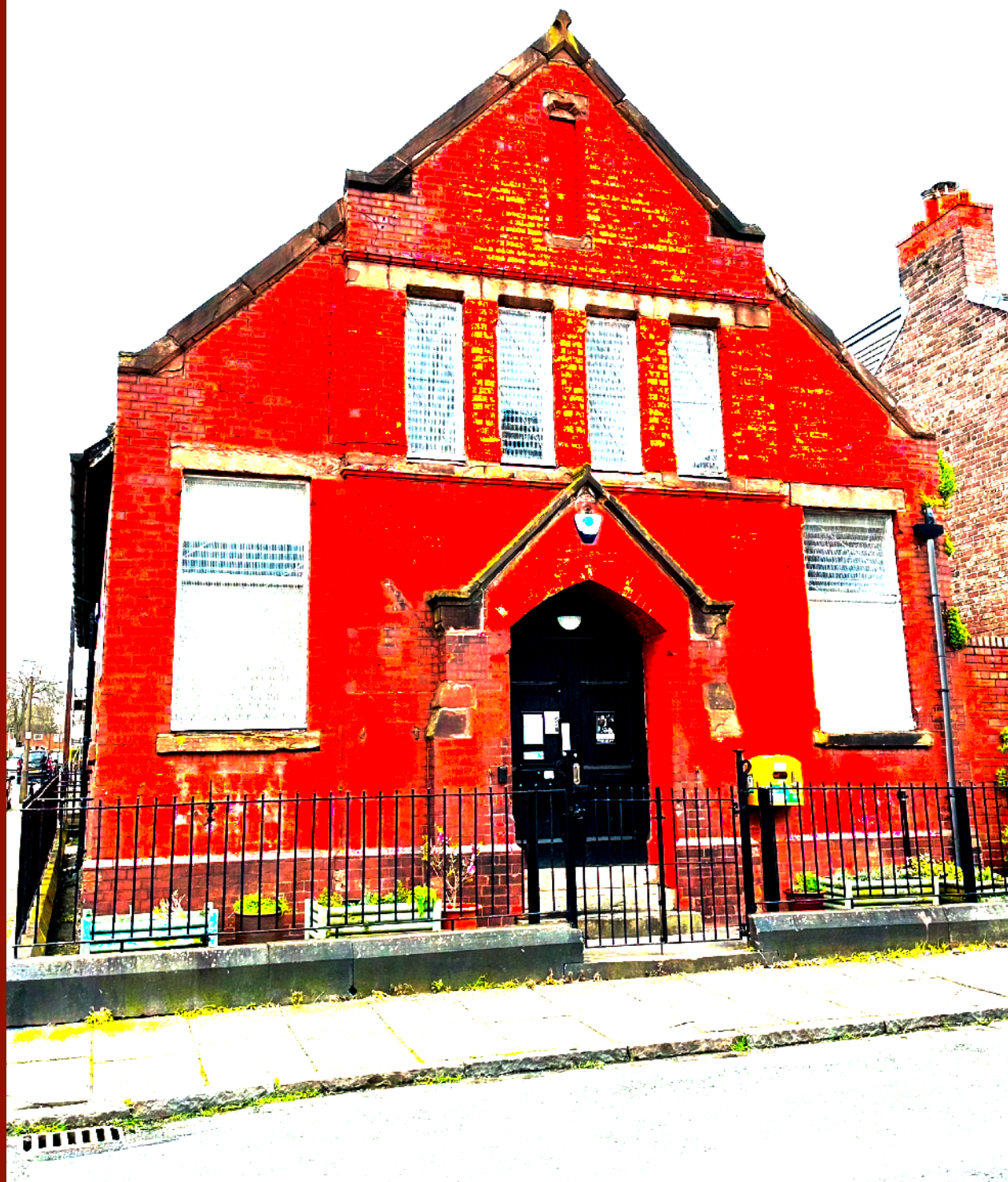
Following a generous donation from one of our Trustees, new garden planters have been built and funding has been provided for their upkeep. This ongoing project is the perfect welcome to anyone arriving at SARA Hall and so far has created colourful displays and plenty of positive conversations across the seasons.

We were successful in three Ward Councillor Local Neighbourhood Fund applications totalling £921.20 from Liverpool City Council. These funds were used to pay for security improvements to SARA Hall, a water butt for the front of the building and a new trolley for our community cinema evenings.

In May and July, the hall was used as a polling station.

FRONT ELEVATION RESTORATION WORK

BEFORE



Last year we reported that a large chunk of plaster became loose inside the building due to water penetration. A sizeable schedule of works was undertaken to make the front elevation watertight, removing windows at the top of the building, restoring ground level windows and repairing large sections of sandstone.

DURING

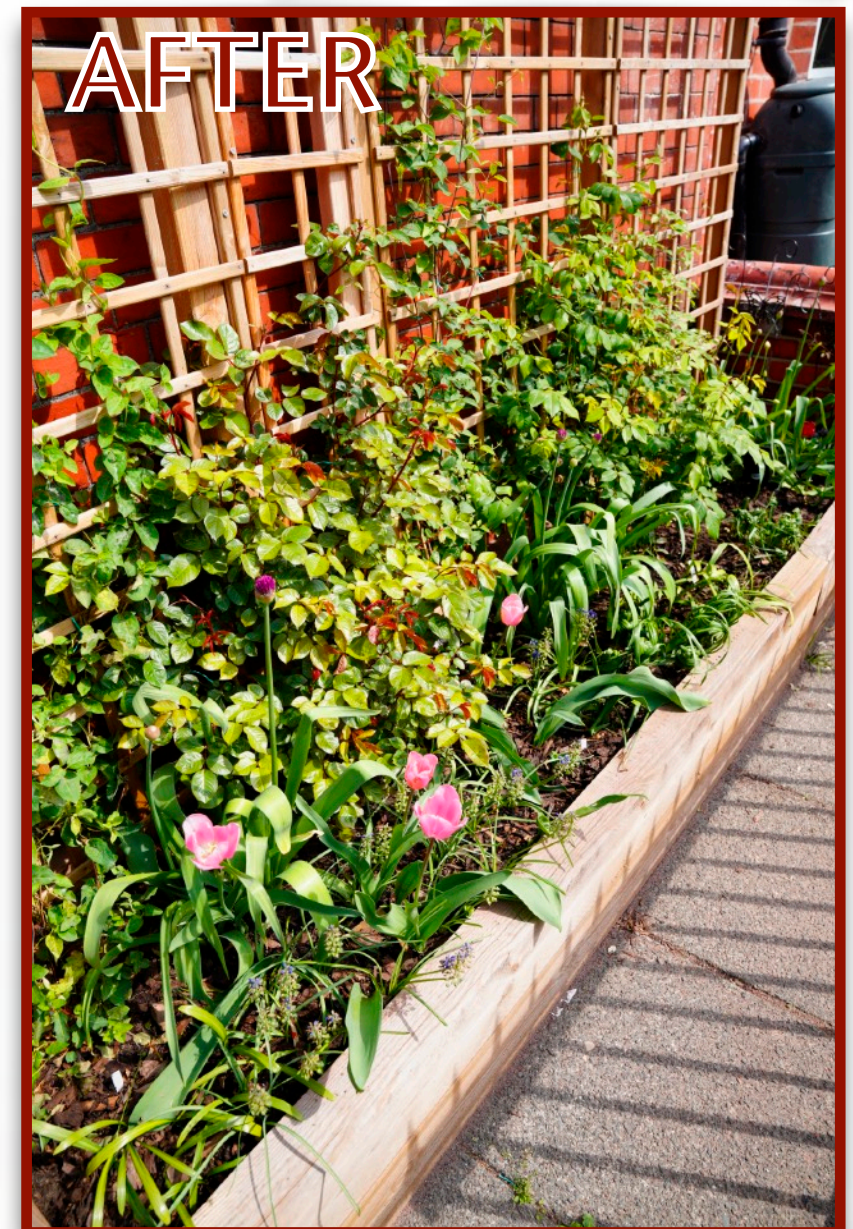


FRONT ELEVATION - FINISHED RESULT



GARDEN PROJECT

Following the restoration work at the front of the building, the original planters sustained some damage. One of SARA's Trustees kindly offered to fund the construction of new, purpose-built planters and to cover the ongoing cost of plants.



GARDEN PROJECT - FINISHED RESULT



FLOOR RESTORATION

After a couple of years of having to put the floor restoration works on hold, we're delighted with the results.



LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

In light of events in Southport in July 2024, we identified an urgent need for improved access control into the building. Cllr Antrobus agreed to use LNF funds to cover the cost to supply and fit the new system costing £450. We won't detail system specifics in this report for obvious reasons but it has provided the necessary added protection at the building to keep everyone safe.

Two further LNF grants were received. One for £200 to supply and fit a water butt at the front of the building, and one for £271.20 to purchase an AV trolley for the cinema evenings.



Liverpool
City Council



Total £921.20

SUDLEY SINGS

During the period, we have acted as an umbrella organisation for Sudley Sings who do not currently have their own banking facilities. As such in order for the group to continue their sessions at SARA Hall, and in order for them to access much needed funds, as an interim measure, SARA Trustees agreed to administer two grant applications on their behalf.

A total of £400 was received from The Rushworth Trust to fund a number of workshops and create a documentary video. A further £684 was received from The Local Neighbourhood Fund to pay for annual insurance and for 6 months of room hire.



The Rushworth Trust

Assisting with musical activities and education



Liverpool
City Council



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Our weekly offering of groups, classes and sessions at SARA Hall continues to evolve year-on-year. Over the period, we've welcomed 28 different groups into the hall across 1,335 hours (+72 hours on last year). We lost a couple of longstanding groups last year but within days of advertising, we were back to full capacity.

New sessions at the hall include Jo Jingles, a group for children aged 3 months to 5 years; Crafty Art Club, a creative session for children 5 to 8 years; Menopause Yoga from Sira Yoga and following a couple of successful festive photo shoots, Gemma Roberts Photography Joins us for a monthly pop-up photography studio.

**REGULAR
SESSIONS**

Activities



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday Pre-School Yoga

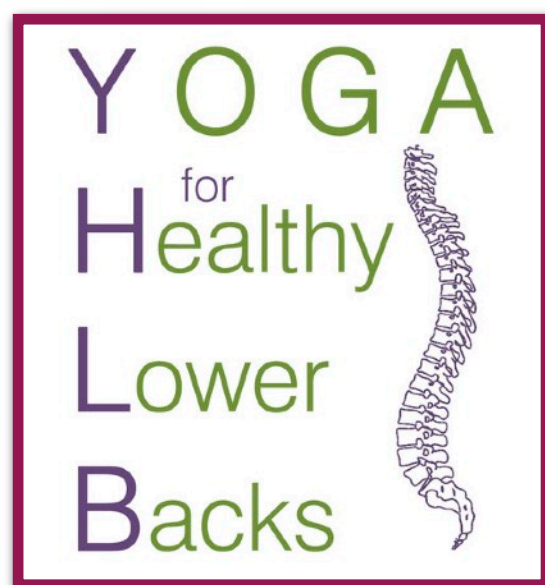
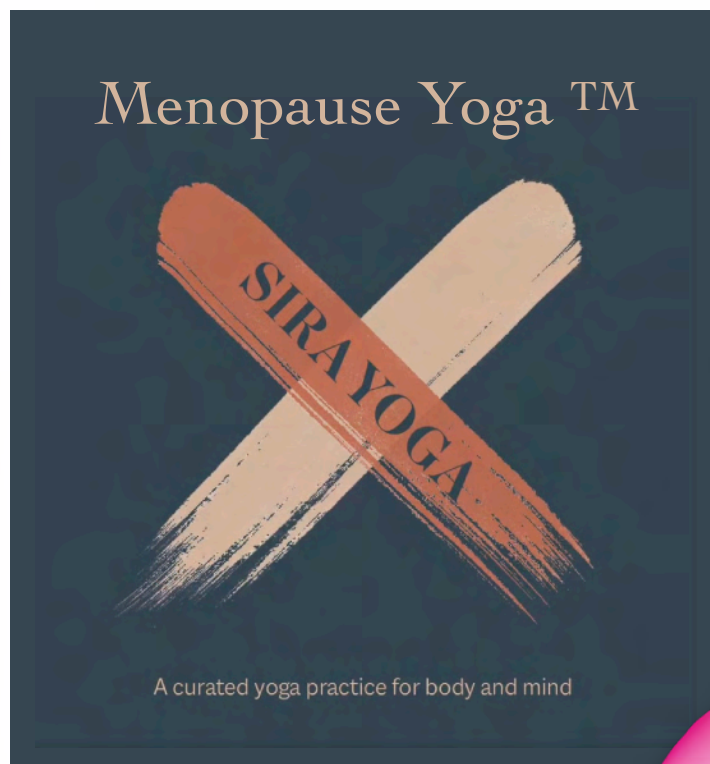


ACTIVE PLAY

Church & Mossley Hill Children's Centre



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL



*Yoga Classes
at SARA*



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Adult Education Classes



We have two weekly adult education groups running at SARA Hall.

GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

We have many other weekly, monthly and ad-hoc groups running at SARA Hall:



NICOLA PARKER
PILATES



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Monthly groups, surgeries, support groups and local area events include:



SARA book club began in January 2024 and meets monthly to discuss the latest title. All are welcome to attend.



In-person antenatal
NCT courses are now
running at SARA Hall



The
ODDFELLOWS SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people



AIGBURTH WARD COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Our Aigburth Ward Councillor held 10 advice surgeries over the year. These are held on the 4th Friday of the month between 6 & 7pm (excluding December).





A total of 281 people enjoyed weekday coach trips to Boundary Outlet, Windermere, Cleveleys, Tweedmill St Asaph, Conwy, Llandudno and Skipton.

This year we introduced Saturday day trips with 31 people visiting Moel Famau and Hebden Bridge by minibus. Strong demand for Saturdays means that for 2025-26 we have decided to swap from a minibus to a full size coach.



SOCIAL EVENTS

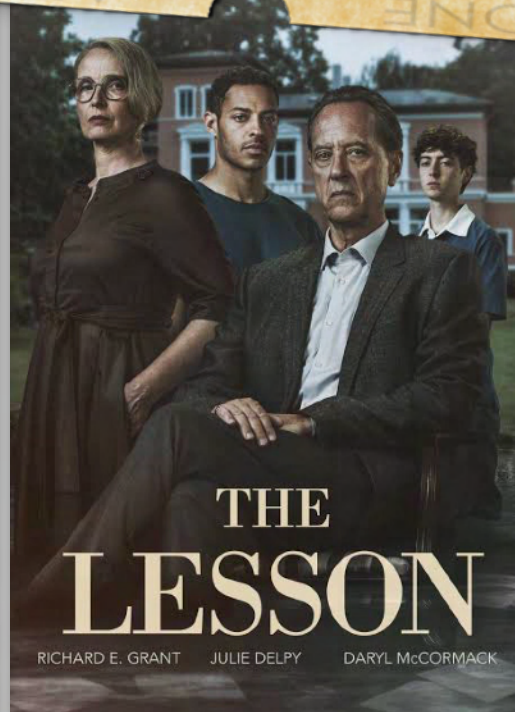
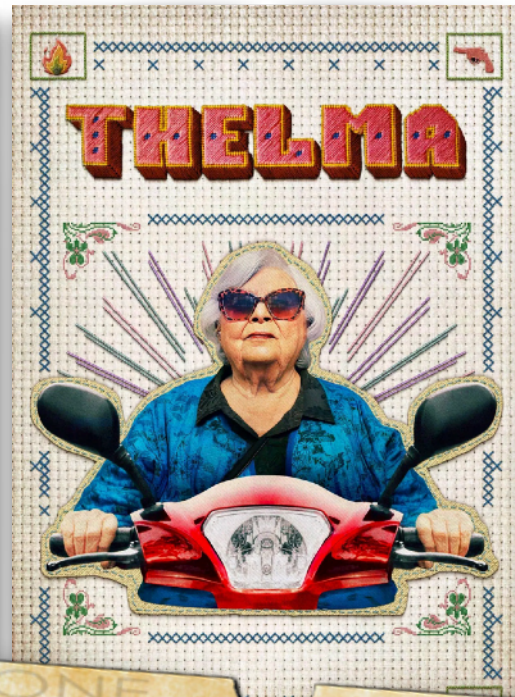
We hosted our annual quiz night in October
with 10 teams taking part.

**SARA
QUIZ
NIGHT**

SARA Community cinema
evenings remain the most popular of our
social events and are a great opportunity for those
attending to chat with others over half-time refreshments.
This year we also hosted a festive family film afternoon in December.
A total of 349 people enjoyed 10 films between April 2024 and March 2025.



COMMUNITY CINEMA



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

During the year income increased by £4,265 to £33,086 and expenditure increased by £6,564 to £27,219. Increased income is due to being at full capacity during the year for weekday sessions, a strong programme of day trips and funds received from Liverpool City Council's Local Neighbourhood Fund. Expenditure was higher this year as capital expenditure increased to include the costs of the front elevation works and Local Neighbourhood Fund expenditure. As our accounts are produced on cash-basis, the invoice for the floor restoration project will form part of next year's account.

The annual accounts show an overall surplus of £5,866.90.

Our independent examiner has reviewed the accounts and signed them off with no disclosures or concerns.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (PAGE 1)

<u>INCOME</u>		2024-25 (£)	2023-24 (£)
<u>Donations, legacies and grants</u>			
	Charles Brotherton Trust	275.00	250.00
	Local Neighbourhood Fund	1605.20	-
	Other	1,584.00	-
<u>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</u>			
	Weekday classes held at SARA Hall (Note 1)	19,336.70	19,165.00
	Weekend sessions held at SARA Hall (Note 1)	3,181.00	2,642.00
	Defibrillator Fund (Note 3)	-	-
<u>Operating activities to generate funds</u>			
	Day trips	5,622.00	5,159.00
	Other fundraising activities	778.46	1,071.68
<u>Bank Interest</u>		704.01	533.76
Total Income		33,086.37	28,821.44

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (PAGE 2)

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		2024-25 (£)	2023-24 (£)
<u>Payments for generating funds</u>			
	Day trips	4,660.70	3,450.00
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
	Newsletter	204.00	227.94
	Fundraising costs	386.69	410.53
	Defibrillator fund (Note 3)	-	-
<u>Charitable donations and grants</u>			
	Local Neighbourhood Fund	1,605.20	-
	Other	683.02	-
<u>SARA Hall repairs, renewals and maintenance (Note 1)</u>		6,032.79	4,080.09
<u>SARA Hall running costs (Note 1)</u>		12,250.55	11,754.71
<u>SARA Administration (Note 2)</u>		1,396.52	731.90
Total Expenditure		27,219.47	20,654.17

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (PAGE 3)

	2024-25 (£)	2023-24 (£)
Total income	33,086.37	28,821.44
Total expenditure	27,219.47	20,655.17
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	5,866.90	8,166.27
Cash funds as at last year end	41,329.46	33,163.19
Cash funds at this year end	47,196.36	41,329.46

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - BALANCE SHEET

<u>Balance Sheet as at 31st March</u>		2025 (£)	2024 (£)
	Cash in hand	-	-
	Current account	6,196.36	3,441.92
	Reserve account	41,000.00	37,500.00
	on account with Octopus Energy	-	387.54
	Total	47,196.36	41,329.46

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold a cash reserve of no less than **£25,000** so that the charity can continue should income and/or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The Trustees also agree to hold further reserves for ongoing planned projects and anticipated future maintenance.

Note 1. SARA Hall Net Income

<u>INCOME</u>		2024-25 (£)	2023-24 (£)
	Weekday Sessions	19,336.70	19,165.00
	Weekend Sessions	3,181.00	2,642.00
	Total Income	22,517.70	21,807.00
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	SARA Hall repairs, renewals and maintenance	6,032.79	4,080.09
	Lighting and Heating	1,709.42	2,818.75
	Rent and Council Tax	2,942.02	2,931.60
	Water Charges	362.06	362.39
	Insurances	1,784.63	732.13
	Caretaking	4,770.00	4,210.00
	Sundries	303.70	321.12
	Telephone and Broadband	378.72	378.72
	Total Expenditure	18,283.34	15,834.80
	Net Income / (Expenditure)	4,234.36	5,972.20

Note 2. SARA Administration

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		2024-25(£)	2023-24 (£)
	Website Hosting	230.40	157.19
	Email Server	133.24	133.24
	Stationery	408.48	135.24
	Bank Charges	60.40	60.80
	Miscellaneous	-	245.43
	Legal Fees - Lease Renewal	564.00	-
	Total Expenditure	1,396.52	731.90

Note 3. Defibrillator Fund

The defibrillator fund is ring-fenced exclusively for costs associated with defibrillator consumables. Each time the machine is used, replacement pads are required. Approximately every five years, the battery will need replacing.

BALANCE

(£)

Defibrillator Fund (for defibrillator consumables only)

521.01

Remaining Balance

521.01



Plans for 2025-2026

BECOME A MEMBER

Boost membership to be more reflective of the number of users of SARA's activities and services.



Ongoing maintenance of SARA Hall including work to internal walls



Expand on our weekend day trip offerings by coach rather than mini-bus



Reintroduction of Police Surgeries at SARA Hall

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOMING				
<u>Donations, legacies and grants</u>				
Charles Brotherton Trust	275.00	-	275.00	250.00
LCC - Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	1,605.20	1,605.20	-
Other	500.00	1,084.00	1,584.00	-
<u>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</u>				
Weekday classes held at SARA Hall	19,336.70	-	19,336.70	19,165.00
Weekend sessions at SARA Hall	3,181.00	-	3,181.00	2,642.00
Charity of the year	-	-	-	-
Defibrillator Fund	-	-	-	-
<u>Operating activities to generate funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	5,622.00	-	5,622.00	5,159.00
Other fundraising activities	778.46	-	778.46	1,071.68
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank interest	704.01	-	704.01	533.76
	30,397.17	2,689.20	33,086.37	28,821.44
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Payments for generating funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	4,660.70	-	4,660.70	3,450.00
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Newsletter	204.00	-	204.00	227.94
Fundraising costs	386.69	-	386.69	410.53
Defibrillator Fund	-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable donations and grants</u>				
Charity of the year	-	-	-	-
LCC - Local Neighbourhood Fund	-	1,605.20	1,605.20	-
Other	106.00	577.02	683.02	-
<u>Support costs, management and administration</u>				
Repairs and maintenance of SARA Hall	6,032.79	-	6,032.79	4,080.09
Lighting and heating	1,709.42	-	1,709.42	2,818.75
Rent and council tax	2,942.02	-	2,942.02	2,931.60
Water charges	362.06	-	362.06	362.39
Insurances	1,784.63	-	1,784.63	732.13
Miscellaneous expenses	927.64	-	927.64	535.86
Caretaking	4,770.00	-	4,770.00	4,210.00
Sundries	303.70	-	303.70	321.12
Telephone and stationery	787.20	-	787.20	513.96
Bank Charges	60.40	-	60.40	60.80
	25,037.25	2,182.22	27,219.47	20,655.17
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	5,359.92	506.98	5,866.90	8,166.27
Balances as at 1st April 2024	40,808.45	521.01	41,329.46	33,163.19
Balances as at 31st March 2025	46,168.37	1,027.99	47,196.36	41,329.46

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

31/03/2024

Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
General current account	6,196.36	3,441.92
on account with Octopus Energy	0.00	387.54
less unpresented cheques	0.00	0.00
	<u>6,196.36</u>	<u>3,829.46</u>
General reserve account	41,000.00	37,500.00
Total	<u>47,196.36</u>	<u>41,329.46</u>

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1190529

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:

Helen Dorrington

Date:

15/7/25

Name:

HELEN DORRINGTON

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qualification(s) or body

(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.