

The Burradon and Camperdown Community Association

Charity No:1191626

Secretary's Annual Report

2 September 2025

The past 12 months for the village may only be described as remarkable and the sense of community spirit has been revived and is benefiting the residents of the village. The Festival Cottages Community Room is the principal venue for the village community groups to meet and for all activities to be held, pensioners bingo, coffee morning and art class. The formation of the Pantry has provided a valuable lifeline for families and residents struggling with the cost of living and provides an opportunity for its members to meet and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Exercise classes have recently been introduced on Fridays, and the feedback has been really encouraging, and the members really enjoy the sessions. Festival Cottages is the heart of the community and hopefully we will be able to secure the necessary funding during the next 12 months to refurbish the building and to create the space to enable the groups to expand and admit new members which will strengthen our community.

The Burradon and Camperdown Community Association and the community depends on the generosity and support of local foundations, trusts and statutory agencies. BACCA has secured £18,283 during the last financial year to improve local amenities and activities for the community groups and residents of the village. The grants received are summarised below:

Donor	Activity	Amount £
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	Appliances and for Festival Cottage, plants for church garden, pensioners trips, children and pensioners pantomime, fish suppers and community noticeboard	13,433.00
Sterling Pharma	Children's Christmas selection boxes	750.00
Barbour Foundation	War Memorial	2,000.00
Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust	War Memorial	1,000.00
Hadrian Trust	War Memorial	500.00
William Leech Foundation	War Memorial	600.00

The feedback from the pensioners, children and the community posts on social media demonstrates that the work of all the groups providing services and activities to the community is valued by the entire village. The public support for the community activities, enables BACCA to demonstrate to funders that all money donated transforms the lives of people living in our village.

Trips to York in September and the Sunderland Empire Pantomime in December 2024 were very popular and was reflected in the resident's feedback forms and the social media posts and comments. Lyn Lambton and Donna Glennie's support and consideration for the welfare of the pensioners on the trips is genuinely appreciated by the residents.

The community attended the Durham Miners Gala in July 2024 Banner which was a proud moment for the group of residents that marched the only banner from the Northumberland coalfields, past the County Hotel to the applause of the crowds.

A series of activities are regularly organised and held in the village, Church Summer and Easter Fairs, Burradon Juniors Rikki Todd Memorial and Remembrance Sunday Service. The events attract support from all sections of the village and raises funds for important causes and services in the village.

The village noticeboard was erected in the New Year and has been an immediate success. The publicising of community events has contributed to the increased membership of the various groups and also people participating in the village activities. A special mention to Alan James for his creative excellence and the wonderful posters that he produces for all groups in the village to promote community events.

The vandalism of the tree planted on Fryers Millennium Green by Don Toon's family in his memory provoked outrage in the village and a fund was established to purchase a replacement tree. Dawn Kelly donated a tree, cultivated by her granddaughter. A plaque was purchased with the funds that were generously donated by the local community. Don's family, friends and neighbours attended the dedication on 1 June 2025. Donna's eulogy regarding Don's life and his contribution to the local community was very poignant. The Facebook article regarding the unveiling of Don's memorial attracted 8,500 visits which exceeded any other previous articles and reflects the deep affection that remains for Don in the community.

A 27-year quest has concluded this year, with the commissioning of a memorial dedicated to the 15 men from the village that died in World War II. The memorial is a replica of the plaque that is dedicated to the men from the village who died in World War I and is exhibited in the village school. The wooden plinth has been manufactured by Bryan Roddham Wood Design Limited, and the steel plaques is being produced by Brunel Engraving Limited.

The generosity of the Barbour Foundation, Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, Hadrian Trust and the William Leech Foundation, ensured the community was able to create this memorial which will be dedicated to the memory and sacrifice of 15 men who were the sons, brothers and grandsons of families in the village.

The memorial will be unveiled on 11 November 2025 at Burradon Primary School, and hopefully relatives of the 15 men will attend the ceremony with members of the local community to remember their sacrifice on behalf of a grateful village and nation.

North Tyneside Council announced a significant investment to regenerate Fryers Millennium Green and it is hoped that the improvements will encourage the community and visitors to utilise this valuable village amenity.

All of the achievements detailed in this and previous annual reports would not have been possible without the persistence and dedication of the Trustees of the Burradon and Camperdown Community Association. The Trustees should be proud of present and past achievements which has transformed the lives of local residents and will be an enduring legacy for future generations.

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Agenda: Annual General Meeting

Date: 2 September 2025

1. Treasurers Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Appointment of Trustees
4. Appointment of Treasurer
5. Appointment of Chair
6. Appointment of Secretary

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Annual Accounts for the Period ended 26 June 2025

Income	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	
Balance carried forward	2,458.50	0.00	2,458.00
Grants	18,283.00	0.00	18,283.00
Total	20,741.50	0.00	20,741.50

Expenditure

Coach Hire	1,725.00	0.00	1,725.00
Equipment for Community Room	2,675.94	0.00	2,675.94
Children and Pensioner Pantomimes	1,864.00	0.00	1,864.00
Printer	219.99	0.00	219.99
Memorial Wreath	25.00	0.00	25.00
Christmas Selection Boxes	753.75	0.00	753.75
Village Noticeboard	248.00	0.00	248.00
Pensioner Lunches	600.00	0.00	600.00
Expenditure	8,111.68	0.00	8,111.68
Balance at Bank	12,629.82	0.00	12,629.82
Total	20,741.50	0.00	20,741.50

Signed:

Alan James

Date: 2 September 2025