



**Brownsover Community Association
Annual Report
2024-25**

This year has seen a change in Trustees as Claire Edwards resigned due to a conflict of interest and Carolyn Robbins retired. Our trustees now are:

Alan Webb, Chair
Reverend Captain Peter Bone, Vice Chair
Brian Clare, Treasurer
Peter Robinson
Nooria Sayani

Trustees met every other month in 2024-25 and day-to-day management of its activities were undertaken by a wider committee of residents, volunteers and trustees which also met monthly at the Brownsover Community Centre.

Our ongoing business plan is to:

- Continue to encourage more trustees by attracting people to the open meetings
- Hold events for residents
- Work in partnership to provide health and wellbeing services to support local residents in need.
- Support the start-up of local community groups in the Community Centre

Chairs Report

At the AGM held on 24/9/25, the Chair, Alan Webb, reported

As a (now) well-established charity we still have plenty to do to serve our community.

Many have still needed help - even to eat. As such the biggest project of the year was the Brownsover Family Winter Project. This provides free hot meals for families in need who are recommended by local schools. This was now fronted solely by Christ Church and manned by volunteers from the Church, BCA and the wider community, and of course funded by grants and the BCA.

The project once again involved many volunteers on a Tuesday and a Sunday from the October 2024 half term until the end of March 2025 at Christ Church, still bringing all parts of our community together, regardless of background, who have now really begun to get to

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know each other. A true whole-community project. Over the Christmas break the BCA funded hampers of food and essentials which were delivered to the families.

Christ Church also has a very active ESOL (language class) running during school terms helping students from Hong Kong and Afghanistan. The students then performed a Nativity Play and sang 2 well know Carols in Mandarin at the Carol Service at Christ Church, earning them great applause.

The usual community activities we support have also continued; All working with our community volunteers and largely funded by us.

The Buddy Club assisted eight people into work and helped people with a variety of problems from PIPS application to domestic abuse.

The Monday Lunch Club provides entertainment and serves a 2-course meal for elderly people at Christ Church from 11:00 - 13:00. This had originally been funded by BCA and soon became self-sufficient.

Meet'N'Eat for children replaces the Lunch Club during the school holidays, providing meals funded by BCA.

A mini-bus called Elmer (a Methodist project for Making Connections) had finished visiting Brownsover. The families who used to attend were helped to form a group, known as "Brownsover family and friends", and have continued to meet at Christ Church. They had enjoyed a summer coach trip to Skegness and a visit to Rugby Theatre for the pantomime "Aladdin" funded by BCA.

The Community Garden had been very well used throughout the summer and received many compliments. Local families with their children had been involved in the new plantings.

The monthly litter picks on the first Saturday each month were well supported.

The BCA also provided a replacement for a faulty microwave at Stretton Court (a local retirement housing complex), and a blood kit was added to the defibrillator on Community Centre's external wall.

I must therefore thank our team members - my trustees Brian Clare, the Rev. Pete Bone and Peter Robinson and new trustee Cllr. Nooria Sayani, and also commit out eternal thanks to Cllr. Claire Edwards and Carolyn Robbins for their past years of work. Carolyn decided to retire having reached the age of 80! Also thanks to our secretary Mary and other executive members, Cllr. Tony, Rosseen and Olivia.

All this goes along with running this community centre and the youth hut

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The Community Centre is well used, and new bookings include Warwickshire County Council for 6 full days of their psychology service, and we have palates classes twice a week as well as yoga and now boxing lessons twice a week keeping us busy.

WCC community support hold weekly coffee mornings on Wednesday at the centre supported by Citizens Advice Bureau, and sometimes the police. A monthly "Walk and talk" is well supported ending at the centre for refreshments.

Thanks particularly to Peter Robinson who is my right-hand man in managing this centre. Olivia has now joined us to help in all that!

The youth hut provides a venue for 'On Track' to run a youth service in Brownsover and thanks must go to them and their youth leader Stephanie McKenzie.

On Track's funding has been squeezed and we must all thank Kevin Brooks who has managed the letting of the hut and earned some extra money. Thank you, Kevin.

This year Kevin brilliantly secured a grant of £25,000 which helped budgets a lot.

Thanks also go to Warwickshire CAVA for their help and support, and all our local Councillors, Alison, Ramesh, Tony, Sarah, Nooria and Senthil who all work very hard.

And of course, Borough officers and Michelle Gravatt (and others) of Warwickshire County Council who supported our activities and help identify funding sources.

Treasurer's Report: BC delivered his 2025 AGM Financial Report:

The 24/25 accounts were examined and approved by Nigel Garwell in June, and a letter of approval is attached.

We started the year with a balance of £67,319 and ended with £68,091. After closing our account with Clockwise Credit Union at the end of 23/24 we opened a savings account with Co-operative bank with a transfer of £50,00.

Total Income for the year was £48,717, made up of:

RBC SLA	£6400
Centre Rent	£10,763
Project Grants	£30,744
Interest on Savings Account	£311
Other	£500

Total expenditure was £47,945, made up of:

Projects and & community services	£38,023
Community Centre costs	£5,272 (including BCA insurance)
Youth Hut costs	£3,460
BCA General	£431
Other	£759

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The biggest part of both was a grant for £25,904 from Heart of England ICF for youth work.

We also had our first Micro Grant from Rugby Borough Council which we can pass on to help small groups in the area by providing free hire of the Community Centre.

Reserves Policy

The BCA agreed to continue its Reserves Policy of holding £15,000 to ensure we can continue planned projects if a grant application is not successful. We will continue with our budget plan of around a deficit of £12,000 per year to enable our accumulated reserves to be utilised but continue to apply for grants for specific projects where these are available.

The accounts have been examined, and a letter of approval has been attached.

No funds are held as a custodian trustee.

No trustees were paid in 2024-25.

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11th June 2025

Examination of BCA Accounts for year 2024 to 2025

Dear Brian,

Having examined the BCA accounts from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, I find they present an accurate statement of the finances for the year.

The income and expenditure amounts all reconcile with the bank statement and match the supporting documentation provided. The brought forward amount of £67,319.32 plus the income amount of £48,406.39 less the expenditure amount of £97,945.12 leaves the balance of £17,780.59 to carry forward to the next financial year. The amount of £50,000 transferred into a 35 day account has earned interest of £310.89 raising this balance to £50,310.89.

Can I thank you for the supporting documentation, especially your spreadsheet, which made the examination much clearer. Keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'NR Garwell', written in a cursive style.

NR Garwell.