

Guiden Sutton Community Association CIO

Registered Charity Number 1201751

Annual Report 2025

Well, I've now come to the end of my role as Community Association Trustee. I've always seen the Community Association as one building block in a wide network of Guiden Sutton communities all trying to do things better. But three years ago, the Community Association had only a handful of Trustees and was struggling to recruit. With this in mind, we set out to change the Community Association's legal structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to protect Trustees from financial liability and thereby help recruit more trustees. We did this with members' approval at the 2022 AGM.

In our second year we overhauled and updated the policies and procedures that underpin activities in the Village Hall, replaced the Village Hall doors and spent time on making the Village Hall feel loved and cared for and started to plan and finance major maintenance and refurbishment projects.

So, in the last twelve months I believe we have acted on our convictions in a consistent and tangible manner. We have been busy improving the Village Hall by fixing the roof, modernising the toilets, installing a solar energy system and many other minor works to repair and improve the Village Hall. The two major projects are way outside the normal territory of a volunteer run Village Hall and frankly, it sometimes felt it. In retrospect, the energy and time invested has, I believe, resulted in something we can be justifiably proud of.

Is much of this known about by many residents? I don't think so, nor do I think this is crucial; perhaps surprisingly given my appetite for participation. I think we can sometimes get carried away worrying about everyone being consulted or on board with every idea and decision. The direction towards greater engagement and involvement is at the core of the CIO's achievements and I'm sure this will steadily grow.

So, after three years, it is tempting to think that the job is done but the Community Association is more than just bricks and mortar. At its heart are its members, user groups and volunteers who bring people together through events like the Open Day, Art Exhibition, the Fete, the Village Quiz, Christmas Lights and the recent Murder Mystery Evening.

The Community Association now has sound finances, a well-maintained Village Hall and an up-to-date constitution with new policies and procedures. We can now focus looking after those many groups who hire the Village Hall and on future community activities and

events. At this point, I'd like to thank Stephanie Pinder for her role as Booking Secretary a role that has become more detailed and demanding.

The new Constitution limits the number of years that trustees can serve to ensure that new people with fresh thinking and different skills can become trustees. I and Matthew Peacock (Secretary) and three other trustees are retiring from the Executive this evening. We wish to make way for and encourage a younger generation of trustees, with the ideas to further develop the range of social and community events held in the Village. I'm delighted to say four members are seeking approval to become Trustees this evening with a possible further two intending to join the Executive in

September. I appreciate that volunteering to be a Trustee requires maintaining a tricky balance between family, work and the other pressures of everyday life. So, on behalf not just the membership, but all the Village, thank you for coming forward and volunteering to be a Trustee.

Finally, a few more thank-yous. I know it is dangerous to name them, as some may feel missed out but I'm grateful to everyone from within the Community Association and outside who has taken the time to advise and support me over the last four years.

First, I'd like to thank the Fete and the Christmas Lights Committees. These are key events in the Community Associations calendar and are brilliantly executed. They require tremendous organisation and planning and on behalf of Community Association, we are so grateful for your commitment year after year in delivering such magnificent events.

I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Executive for their forbearance and support especially during the last 12 months. Any group enterprise requires trust, co-operation, and a great deal of effort to maintain focus and direction.

It would not have been possible to deliver the two frenetic construction and refurbishment projects and the Community Village Hall Events without the backing and support of the Trustees and other key supporters.

I'd also like to mention Brian Lewin who, whilst not a Trustee, has been a tremendous support particularly in the compiling and editing the Community Association magazine, The Marigold. I've appreciated his gentle steer and ability to find the right words to relay the Community Association message.

We were also enormously lucky to have Sarah Jessop whose creativity, communication and process skills in meetings were so helpful in opening up new possibilities and new ideas.

Now, it would be remiss of me not to pay special tribute to Evelyn Batterham and Peter Evans who have given more than a decade of service to the Community Association.

During her tenure, Evelyn managed our day-to-day accounts, collecting income from Hall hirers and making sure contractors and utility bills were paid. All this was done at a time when the Community Association had only two active trustees. She also kept the Village Hall supplied with essential toiletries, paper towels, and cleaning materials etc. and I will always be grateful for her support and skilful prompting at the Village Hall Users committee.

Over a similar period, Peter Evans was always available to make sure the essential Village Hall maintenance tasks are carried out and, frankly, has effectively kept the Village Hall doors open. We have been so lucky to have had someone with Peter's skills, expertise and commitment. He is such a modest man who has also helped me and others, to think through questions relating to the new roof, solar panels and batteries and so many other issues.

At this point I'd like to make presentations to Evelyn and Peter to show our appreciation for the many years of support given by them to the Community Association.

Now, what can I say about our retiring secretary, Matthew Peacock. Matthew was the man who joined with me four years ago in seeking to change the Community Association constitution. He is big man with a big voice who can be challenging. But he has an insatiable appetite for process, procedure, research and detail. At times, it's been a bumpy ride, but

Matthew is man of great resilience and above all, integrity. He has worked tirelessly for the Community Association making my job so much easier for which I am truly thankful.

I am, of course, enormously grateful for the support from my partner, Vivian who brings organisation and drive to everything she touches. Look at the new toilets, one of her projects, the Village Hall entrance doors, the Wall Hanging in the foyer, the heaters in the Hall, the blinds in the Community Room and so much more. She has brought structure and drive to projects and events like the Village Quiz, the Art Exhibition and, more recently, the Murder Mystery evening last month. We simply wouldn't have achieved so much if she hadn't been around to prod me (and others) and to provide drive and energy when I was flagging. She knows just how much I love her

Finally, a huge thankyou to the Trustees who are remaining from those of us that are retiring. We thank you for your support in all collectively we have achieved. I know I will genuinely miss the creativity, of such a "can do" team. We wish you well and remain available for selection from the subs bench to support future events.

I learnt many years ago that if you want to have success, surround yourself with people that are miles better than you, and that way there's a chance you'll look brilliant yourself. Any regrets? I have none. They are a waste of time which, at my age, is becoming more and more valuable.

Thank you for listening

Robin Norrie – Chair

Trustees: Matthew Peacock, Sarah Connolly, Peter Evans, Vivian Downing, Sarah Jessop, Rachael Whelan, Alice Hay, Derek Hughes.

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Trustees of Guilden Sutton Community Association CIO (1201751) on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 1-3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2024. 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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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:

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Date:

25/10/25

GULDEN SUTTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Year to 31/12/2024	7 months to 31/12/2023
	Note	£	£
Income from lettings, equipment rental		29,913	14,303
Less expenditure	1	<u>(144,632)</u>	<u>(32,316)</u>
		<u>(114,719)</u>	<u>(18,013)</u>
Donations, Grants, other income			
UKSPF Grant (for roof replacement)		10,000	-
Greenspace		150	-
Bowls Club		150	-
For Christmas Tree event		500	1,953
From Players (actual amount received)		-	-
From BIH Support Group (actual amount received)		-	-
		<u>10,800</u>	<u>1,953</u>
Other income			
West Cheshire AC - Guilden Sutton 10k		100	-
Christmas Tree event		576	740
Happening at the Hall		190	-
Art Exhibition (inclusive of fees paid over to artists)		2,813	-
Quiz night		910	522
Village fete income (grants and event income)		<u>11,570</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>16,159</u>	<u>1,262</u>
Bank interest received		<u>1,052</u>	<u>536</u>
Net income		<u>(86,708)</u>	<u>(14,262)</u>
Less depreciation		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>(86,708)</u>	<u>(14,262)</u>

Note 1: Expenditure			
Cleaner and window cleaning		6,153	2,874
Cleaning materials		719	240
Gas		1,372	496
Electric		1,284	634
Water		322	149
Waste disposal		2,313	1,308
Maintenance		6,427	2,406
Property improvement expenditure	4	106,978	19,495
Licenses & Memberships		677	50
Insurance		2,060	2,117
Printing inc Marigold		393	494
Broadband		928	-
Event costs - Happening at the Hall (open day)		674	-
Event costs - Art Exhibition		1,925	-
Event costs - Village fete		10,255	-
Event costs - Quiz Night		476	-
Event costs - Christmas Tree event		1,185	1,817
Sundries		<u>493</u>	<u>236</u>
		<u>144,632</u>	<u>32,316</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		At 31/12/2024	At 31/12/2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed Assets	3		
Cost		133,777	133,777
Less grant received		(4,000)	(4,000)
Depreciation		(121,222)	(121,222)
Net Book Value		<u>8,555</u>	<u>8,555</u>
Current Assets			
Bank & Cash			
Natwest Current		1,723	10,757
Natwest Savings		10,027	38,322
Santander Current		8,245	7,760
Santander Savings		21,481	70,881
Fete Account		7,779	7,175
Cash		15	74
		<u>49,270</u>	<u>134,969</u>
Debtors		2,900	3,377
		<u>2,900</u>	<u>3,377</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		-	72
Provision for fete activities		7,779	7,175
		<u>7,779</u>	<u>7,247</u>
Net assets		<u>52,946</u>	<u>139,654</u>
Reserves			
Brought Forward		139,654	-
Cash transferred from Association to CIO		-	46,350
Association reserves introduced to CIO		-	107,566
Surplus/(Deficit) for period		(86,708)	(14,262)
		<u>52,946</u>	<u>139,654</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Note 2: Charity merger

At 1 June 2023 Guilden Sutton Community Association CIO (Registered Charity number 1201751) took on the activities of Guilden Sutton Community Association (Registered Charity number 510231) . All assets were transferred to the CIO as at 1st June 2023. The previous period of account was 7 months, and so is not directly comparable with the current accounting period of 12 months.

Note 3: Fixed Assets

	At 31/12/2024		At 31/12/2023
LAND		8,555	8,555
<u>BUILDINGS</u>			
COST	104,281		104,281
DEPRECIATION	<u>(104,281)</u>	-	<u>(104,281)</u>
<u>CAR PARK & PATH</u>			
COST	3,835		3,835
DEPRECIATION	<u>(3,835)</u>	-	<u>(3,835)</u>
<u>FENCE & BLINDS</u>			
COST	7,240		7,240
DEPRECIATION	<u>(7,240)</u>	-	<u>(7,240)</u>
<u>HEATING SYSTEM</u>			
COST	9,866		9,866
LESS GRANTS RECEIVED	<u>(4,000)</u>		<u>(4,000)</u>
NET COST	5,866		5,866
DEPRECIATION	<u>(5,866)</u>	-	<u>(5,866)</u>
	<u><u>8,555</u></u>		<u><u>8,555</u></u>

Note 4: Property improvement and other significant expenditure

Toilet block refurbishment	36,653
New roof and solar panels	68,325
Contribution to the storage shed via the Parish Council	<u>2,000</u>
	<u><u>106,978</u></u>

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