ALBANY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1206486

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2024-01-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF INNER CITY BRISTOL AND IN PARTICULAR THE POSTAL AREAS BS1, BS2, BS6 AND BS7 AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATION WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS. (II) TO PROMOTE,MAINTAIN,IMPROVE AND ADVANCE EDUCATION PARTICULARLY BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ARTS INCLUDING THE ARTS OF DRAMA, DANCE, MUSIC, SINGING, LITERATURE, SCULPTURE AND PAINTING.(III) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE THEREINAFTER CALLED "THE CENTRE" AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE, OR TO COOPERATE WITH ANY LOCAL STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTEINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS CONSTITUENT BODIES IN FURTHERENCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Arts and training centre. Space for events and regular classes. Act creation space.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,089	£11,945	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gwendolyn Mona Hales	Chair	2019-10-07
Emily Ruth Ball		2019-10-20
JACQUELINE ALICE CROSHER		2015-10-07
Katherine Collett		2019-10-20
Pascal Haering		2022-10-18

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Accounts

Trustees Report 1st January 2024 – 31st March 2025

The Albany Centre CIO no. 1206486.

The Albany Centre,
Shaftesbury Avenue,
Montpelier,
Bristol BS6 5LT

Trustees:
Gwendolyn Hales – Chair
Jacqueline Crosher
Pascal Haering
Emily Ruth Ball
Katherine Collett

The Albany Centre is a building that is held in trust for the people of Montpelier and the wider Bristol area. Its core aims are to provide facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure-time occupation, specifically in the field of the performing arts. With training, teaching and artistic creation at the forefront of the activities that happen in the building. Additionally, to the activities that happen within the building the CIO's remit is to maintain, manage and improve the fabric of The Albany Centre building for its users now and in the future.

The Albany Centre recruits and approves trustees at its AGM. The Albany Centre CIO has no employees it relies on its trustees and members to voluntarily maintain and run the premises and the activities therein. Members pay annually, monthly or hourly to use the facilities within the Albany Centre, these funds are used directly to maintain, mange and improve the building. Core members are expected to have a job that enables The Albany Centre to function. This gives them benefits within The Albany Centre, which include easier access to the building, cheaper training and decision-making in the running of the centre.

The Albany Centre hierarchy is as follows:

- Unpaid trustees who have oversight in maintaining the building and addressing more serious issues that arise,

- Core members who have jobs and deal with the everyday running of the building, they can vote at the AGM and at monthly meetings on general and substantial issues that arise.
- Basic members who can vote in the AGM and attend members' meetings.

In this accounting ten-month period The Albany Centre has continued its regular remits and achieved some new goals:

- It has provided access to its facilities for several hundred people a week and a several thousand people a year, for recreational and health benefits.
- The building has been available for: professional arts training, creation space, classes and building hire for the community
- It has run its yearly fundraising cabaret, which raises money for larger building maintenance projects and gives a forum for artists who train in the building to showcase their talents, as well as inviting the local community to a fun social evening.
- It has tightened up its payment methods and systems for members to ensure parity and that everyone pays fairly for their space use with the building.
- It has restructured roles and teams within the volunteer jobs (that enable the building to function) to ensure that the amount of time and effort to achieve the role is distributed as fairly as possible.

After the change in status from an Unincorporated Charity to a CIO in 2024, the year has been spent in preparation for the next stage of improvements to the building, as The Albany Centre now has the possibility to apply for grants and local pots of money. In June 2023, The Albany Centre commissioned a specialist damp company to look at certain areas within the building and to advise on courses of action for improvement. Some of the simple fixes have been implemented in the last 16 months e.g. Putting vents in the floor for air flow and ensuring ventilation bricks to the outside are clear and able to function correctly, as well as some other improvements to the building, painting, general maintenance and repairs to the stonework and windows outside.

However, one if the main causes of damp accumulation is the old-fashioned gas heating system within the main hall. Therefore in 2025 the trustees applied and have been approved for a green grant that pays a percentage towards the costs of making the building more energy efficient. This enables The Albany Centre to upgrade to a more sustainable and dryer heating system. Over a number of years The Albany Centre has been saving and reserving funds for these works to happen. The trustees and members were extremely pleased to get the green grant that supports this improvement work to the building. These will include installing infra-red heating within the building and solar panels for energy capture externally. This work has just begun and will be completed in early 2026.

Future improvement projects will look at; further reducing the damp inside the building, painting the offices and kitchen, finding heating solutions for these spaces, vandalism prevention, improvements to the outside appearance, finding an artist for a new mural on the outside, assessment of the walls that adjoin the building and improvements to the storage and back entrance of the building.

The Albany Centre does not have any debts; it has reserves to maintain and manage the everyday running of the building and to deal with building emergencies that arise. Over time it accumulates enough money to undertake a more substantial project to improve the external fabric and the internal spaces within the building.

Warm regards

Jacky Crosher
(On behalf of the Albany Trustees)

The Albany Centre - CIO no. 1206486 - Accounts - Jan 2024 - March 2025

1st January 24 - Opening Balance - £12,825.18 31st March 2025 - Closing Balance - £29,737.58

Outgoings

date	Details	rubbish	gas	phone	electric	council tax	water	repairs	equipment	other	TOTAL	MONTHLY TOTALS
04/01/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
18/01/2024	BT GROUP PLC			51.54							51.54	
26/01/2024	LAURA MOY									48.19	48.19	
29/01/2024	LAURA MOY									10.26	10.26	
												237.99
											0	
05/02/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
14/02/2024	EMILY BALL									15.39	15.39	
15/02/2024	GWEN HALES									21	21	
15/02/2024	GWEN HALES									37	37	
19/02/2024	BT GROUP PLC			51.54							51.54	
21/02/2024	E.ON 013520075750A		694.03								694.03	
26/02/2024	KINO MCDONALD - RIGGING								400		400	
												1346.96
											0	
04/03/2022	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
13/03/2024	LAURA MOY									71.59	71.59	
18/03/2024	BT GROUP PLC			51.54							51.54	
20/03/2023	UNITARY ENGINEERING - GAS CHECK		324								324	
21/03/2024	RACHAEL BAIRD									24.4	24.4	
												599.53
02/04/2024	Council Tax					51.54					51.54	
04/04/2024	EDF ENERGY				128						128	
18/04/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
												234.87
01/05/2024	COUNCIL TAX					52					52	
01/05/2024	WATER2BUSINESS 1175704201						218.93				218.93	
07/05/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
20/05/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
29/05/2024	E.ON 013520075750A		1,888.29								1888.29	
												2342.55
											0	
04/06/2024	EDF ENERGY				128						128	
18/06/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
												183.33
											0	
03/07/2024	LAURA MOY									11.88	11.88	
04/07/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
18/07/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
												195.21
											0	
05/08/2024	PASCAL DOMINIK							429.71			429.71	
05/08/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
19/08/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
20/08/2024	LAURA MOY									46.86	46.86	
21/08/2024	E.ON 013520075750A		628.19								628.19	
												1288.09
											0	
04/09/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
05/09/2024	JUSTINE SQUIRE - rigging inspection								345.99		345.99	
05/09/2024	AVON EXTINGUISHERS								76.08		76.08	
05/09/2024	R KELLY									17.34	17.34	
12/09/2024	ZURICH CHARITIES							653.63			653.63	
18/09/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
												1276.37
04/10/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609				128						128	
18/10/2024	BT			55.33							55.33	
												183.33

										0	
01/11/2024	WATER2BUSINESS 1175704201					173.85				173.85	
04/11/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609			128						128	
06/11/2024	RHIANNON ROSE KELL -first aid supplies								6	6	
18/11/2024	BT GROUP PLC		55.33							55.33	
21/11/2024	E.ON 013520075750A	741.08								741.08	
22/11/2024	THE BRISTOL PEST C								230	230	
22/11/2024	PASCAL DOMINIK -KEYS							50		50	
											1384.26
04/12/2024	EDF ENERGY 673113653609			128						128	
06/12/2024	EMILY BALL								75.99	75.99	
16/12/2024	LAURA MOY								31.08	31.08	
18/12/2024	BT GROUP PLC		55.33							55.33	
											290.4
										0	
06/01/2025	EDF ENERGY 673113653609			128						128	
20/01/2025	BT GROUP PLC		55.33							55.33	
28/01/2025	ALEXANDRA FEIT RUS -KEY								50	50	
											233.33
										0	
04/02/2025	EDF ENERGY 673113653609			128						128	
											128
										0	
04/03/2025	EDF ENERGY 673113653609			128						128	
10/03/2025	MIKE GUY						1,202.30			1202.3	
10/03/2025	RHIANNON ROSE KELL								20.9	20.9	
11/03/2025	AUTONOMOUS INVESTM -DRAPES							480		480	
17/03/2025	EMILY BALL								45.51	45.51	
17/03/2025	BRISTOL PARTY HIRE								50	50	
17/03/2025	GWEN HALES								21	21	
18/03/2025	BT GROUP PLC		55.33							55.33	
18/03/2025	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 449504305								4.25	4.25	
31/03/2025	PASCAL DOMINIK							13.36		13.36	
											2020.65
	TOTALS	3257.56	608.63	1536	103.54	392.78	2285.64	965.43	610.81		11944.87

TOTAL Outgoings **11944.87**

Income

details	£	MONTHLY TOTALS	PROFIT/LOSS
January 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	2,440.50		
		2440.5	2202.51
February 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	2,266.50		
		2266.5	919.54
March 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops,	2,753.97		
		2753.97	2154.44
April 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	£2,285.10		
		2285.1	2050.23
May 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,819.50		
		1819.5	-523.05
June 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,352.00		
		1352	1168.67
July 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,441.50		
		1,441.50	1246.29
Aug 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,721.50		
		1721.5	433.41
Sept 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,473.00		
		1473	196.63
Oct 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,366.50		
		1366.5	1183.17

Nov 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,825.00		
		1825	**440.74**
Dec 2024			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,003.50		
		1003.5	**713.1**
Jan 2025			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	3,943.00		
		3943	**3709.67**
Feb 2025			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops	1,090.50		
		1090.5	**962.5**
March 2025			
Training fees, outside bookings, workshops, cabaret	4,307.67		
		4307.67	**2287.02**
		31089.74	
Total incomings		**31089.74**	**Total Profit** **19144.87**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Albany Centre CIO

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2025

Charity no (if any) 1206486

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 31/03/2025.

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: Edward Barker **Date:** 16/01/2026

Name: Edward Stuart Barker

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body None

(if any):	
Address:	7 Walden Road, Keynsham, BS31 1QW

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.	