

GLADSTONE DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Trustees Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Charity number 268326

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity registration number	268326
Management Trustees	Shabir Akhtar (Chair) Farhad Mousavi (Vice Chair) Dr Mohammad Nawaz (Treasurer) Isra Khan Jawaid Khan Anamika Ghosh Salman Khan Snieguole Maliavskaja
Holding Trustees	Mohammad Afzal Mohammed Jamil
Joint Chief Executive Officers	Mohammed Choudhary Yasmin Ilahi
Principal Address	Gladstone House 316 – 318 Gladstone Street Peterborough PE2 2BX
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Trustees Report

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities / Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014 (as amended by Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016).

Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted 14th May 1974 and amended 6th June 1975, 29th June 1989, 26th June 1990 and 14th July 2013.

The management trustees who served during the year were:

Shabir Akhtar
Gillian Beasley – appointed July 2024, resigned May 2025
Snieguole Maliavskaja – appointed July 2024
Dr Mohammad Nawaz
Karen Igbo – resigned November 2024
Israr Khan – appointed June 2024
Jawaid Khan
Salman Khan – appointed May 2024
Farhad Mousavi
Anamika Ghosh

In addition to the management trustees, the following persons served as a holding trustees:

Mohammad Afzal
Mohammed Jamil
Mohammed Yousaf – resigned April 2025

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity.

The Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of the Trustees Board.

The Trustees delegate the day to day management of the charity to GLADCA management.

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Objectives of the charity

The objectives of the charity are to promote the social welfare of the inhabitants of the Gladstone District and any individual working and living within the administrative area of Peterborough City Council, or living outside that administrative area but wishing to avail himself or herself of the benefit of or to access the services offered by GLADCA.

Activities, Achievements and Performance of the year under review

Gladca has been a cornerstone of the Peterborough community and its surrounding areas for over 50 years, offering a diverse range of essential services. One of our primary focuses is on education, particularly through our successful partnership with Inspire Education Group, which enables us to provide accredited courses.

In addition to our educational initiatives, this year we have expanded our health and wellbeing services, thanks to funding from PCVS and CCF. We have organized "Healthy You" sessions, yoga classes, healthy cooking workshops, and health awareness coffee mornings to support the community's overall well-being.

Our commitment to assisting the community extends to immigration services, funded by the Home Office and private clients. These services have been consistently available throughout the year, ensuring that those in need receive the support they require. We have also supported the homeless with housing applications, helping them secure stable accommodations.

The Work and Wellbeing programme supports vulnerable/minority groups with English language skills, digital literacy, and access to health, welfare, and educational services, transforming the lives of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

In response to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, we provided food parcels and supermarket vouchers to individuals and families in urgent need. Our support was particularly impactful for those awaiting Universal Credit or facing unexpected hardship, ensuring that no one in our community went without basic necessities.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm they have met their obligations relating to public benefit, as detailed above in "Activities, Achievements and Performance of the year under review".

Financial review for the year

In the year to 31st March 2025 there was a surplus of £10,770. We are extremely grateful to all of the organisations that have supported our work during 24/25 and the surplus for the year will be invested into services in 25/26 to enable them to continue. The closing reserves were £226,235.

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Reserves policy

The trustees' aim is that the reserves of the charity represent at least 3 months operating costs.

Plans for the future (including principal risks, uncertainties, and development and plans)

For the financial year 2025/26, our Charity plan focuses on three key objectives: increasing student numbers in our educational courses, expanding our immigration services, and enhancing our Community service work. We aim to develop new courses, improve existing ones, and leverage online platforms to attract more students. Our immigration services will be broadened with additional staff and more comprehensive consultations to meet growing needs. Community engagement will be strengthened through new programs and partnerships addressing health, wellbeing, and youth activities.

Despite the challenges posed by economic uncertainties and rising costs, the trustees remain optimistic. They believe the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) structure will grant access to larger funding opportunities essential for our expansion plans, although securing these grants may be more competitive.

Additionally, we plan to expand our services to include housing and welfare support, recognizing the increasing demand for assistance in these areas.

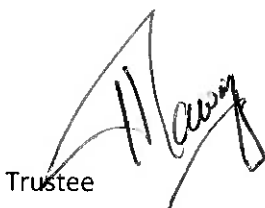
The trustees have produced accounts on a going concern basis, reflecting their confidence in our charity's continued operation. Through strategic initiatives and careful financial management, we are committed to making a meaningful impact and improving the lives of those we serve.

Disclosure of information to the Independent Examiners

We, the trustees of the charity who held office at the date of approval of these Financial Statements as set out above each confirm, so far as we are aware, that:

- there is no relevant information of which the independent examiners are unaware; and
- we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken as trustees in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiners are aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees on 18th June 2025



Trustee

Muhammad Nawaz.

10/7/25

GLADSTONE DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Independent Examiners report

To the members of Gladstone District Community Association.

For the year ended 31st March 2025

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mark Ray, FFA / FIPA.

AAC Accountants Ltd, Rycroft, School Road, Broughton, Huntingdon,
PE28 3AT

Date: 18th June 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Incoming Resources

	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	Prior Year (£)
Income from					
Charitable Activities	2	304,152	31,643	335,795	319,644
Investments	2	0	0	0	0
Total		304,152	31,643	335,795	319,644

Resources Expended

Expenditure on					
Raising Funds	3	2,725	0	2,725	3,675
Charitable Activities	3	287,268	35,032	322,300	297,821
Total		289,993	35,032	325,025	301,496

Net income / (expenditure)	16	14,159	(3,389)	10,770	18,148
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Transfer between funds	16	(3,389)	3,389	0	0
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Net movement in funds	16	10,770	0	10,770	18,148
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Reconciliation of funds

Brought forward	16	215,465	0	215,465	197,317
Carried forward	16	226,235	0	226,235	215,465

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Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	Prior Year (£)
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	67,650	0	67,650	67,650
Current assets					
Debtors	12	28,060	0	28,060	16,000
Cash in hand and at bank		163,272	1,949	165,221	150,912
		191,332	1,949	193,281	166,912
Creditors falling due in one year	13	32,747	1,949	34,696	19,097
Net current assets		158,585	0	158,585	147,815
Creditors falling due over one year	14	0	0	0	0
Total net assets		226,235	0	226,235	215,465
Total funds	16	226,235	0	226,235	215,465

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 18th June 2025

Signed on behalf of the trustees


(Trustee)

Muhammad Nawaz
10/7/25

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

a. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction values unless otherwise stated. They have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by charities.

They have been presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. The significant accounting policies are set out below and they have been applied consistently to both years.

b. Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

There are no designated funds or endowment funds.

c. Income recognition

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income; after performance criteria have been met; that it is more likely than not that the income will be received; and the monetary value can be reliably measured.

There has been no offsetting; no donations of any type were received; no government grants were received; and no legacies were received.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been incorporated into these financial statements.

Investment income is only interest on bank accounts

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d. Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

No grants are payable to third parties.

e. Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, administrative and payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with amount of income.

f. Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

g. Costs of raising funds

The cost of raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes.

h. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets, except freehold property, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment, computers, fixtures and fittings - between 20% and 50% per annum on a straight-line basis.

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Notes to the accounts continued

For the year ended 31st March 2025

i. Cash at bank

Cash at bank is highly liquid funds with access such that commitments can be met as they fall due.

j. Debtors and creditors receivable and payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

k. Leases

There are no finance leases.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

l. Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for the benefit of its employees. Contributions are expensed as they become payable.

m. Tax

The charity is exempt from taxation.

n. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

No material judgements have been made in the process of applying the above accounting policies that have significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements, or that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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Notes to the accounts continued

For the year ended 31st March 2025

2. Analysis of income

	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	Prior Year (£)
Charitable Activities:					
Training & education		244,394	9,470	253,864	246,634
Immigration		51,541	0	51,541	48,210
Community Support		6,267	20,122	26,389	17,000
Room Hire		1,950	0	1,950	7,800
Support Costs		0	2,051	2,051	0
Total		304,152	31,643	335,795	319,644

	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	Prior Year (£)
Investments					
Bank deposit interest		0	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	0

Total		304,152	31,643	335,795	319,644
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3. Analysis of expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	Prior Year (£)
Raising funds					
Consultants		2,725	0	2,725	3,675
Total		2,725	0	2,725	3,675

	Note	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	Prior Year (£)
Charitable activities :					
Training & education		201,890	9,470	211,360	215,388
Immigration		81,480	0	81,480	70,286
Community Support		3,898	23,511	27,409	12,148
Support Costs		0	2,051	2,051	0
Total		287,268	35,032	322,300	297,821

Total		289,993	35,032	325,025	301,496
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Notes to the accounts continued

For the year ended 31st March 2025

Further analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Training / Education	Immigration	Community Support	Support Costs	Total	Last year
Salary and on costs	8	85,426	46,883	1,642	101,410	235,361	238,235
Non salary service provision costs		8,801	1,753	13,683	0	24,237	9,301
General Administration		889	9,243	0	34,412	44,544	41,513
Property		0	0	0	16,358	16,358	7,032
Governance	5	0	0		1,800	1,800	1,740
Support Costs reallocated	4	116,244	23,601	12,084	(151,929)	0	0
Total		211,360	81,480	27,409	2,051	322,300	297,821

4. Allocation of Support Costs

Support costs have been allocated to the activities based on income.

5. Governance costs

These are the cost of the Independent Examination per note 6

6. Independent Examiners costs

	This year	Last year
Independent Examination	1,800	1,740
Other services	2,199	2,289
Total paid to Independent Examiner	3,999	4,029

7. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and benefits

The total amount of employee remuneration received by key management personnel was £45,539 (2024 : £19,189).

No employees received any benefits in kind.

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year.

The trustees were not reimbursed any expenses.

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8. Staff costs and employee benefits

	This year	Last year
Salaries and wages	220,497	223,018
Employers National Insurance costs	9,041	9,508
Pension costs	5,823	5,709
Total staff costs	235,361	238,235

No employee in either year received any other benefits

No employee received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

9. Average headcount

	This year	Last Year
The average monthly number of employees during the year was :	15	15

10. Pension

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The amount recognised as an expense in the year is recorded in note 8.

The defined pension contribution liability at the year end is allocated to unrestricted funds.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings	Fixtures and equipment	Total
Cost or valuation			
At 1 st April 2024	82,500	67,807	150,307
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31st March 2025	82,500	67,807	150,307

Depreciation			
At 1 st April 2024	14,850	67,807	82,657
Charge for the year	0	0	0
On disposals	0	0	0
At 31st March 2025	14,850	67,807	82,657

Net book value			
At 31 st March 2025	67,650	0	67,650
At 31 st March 2024	67,650	0	67,650

The freehold property, which is 316 Gladstone Street, is stated at cost, which includes its purchase in 1999 and subsequent alterations. 318 Gladstone Street is leased from Peterborough City Council.

12. Debtors due within one year

	This year	Last year
Trade debtors	0	0
Accrued income for grants	23,673	11,208
Prepayments	4,387	1,234
GLADCA Services	0	3,558
Total	28,060	16,000

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13. Creditors falling due within one year

	This year	Last year
Trade and other creditors	3,118	2,797
Payroll costs	4,662	5,185
Accruals and deferred income	20,490	11,115
GLADCA Services	6,426	0
Total	34,696	19,097

14. Creditors falling due in more than one year

None

15. Leases

a. Finance leases – none

b. Operating leases

Total future minimum lease payments under non cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	This year	Last year
For office photocopier - between two and five years	16,676	21,120
Total	16,676	21,120

318 Gladstone Street is leased for a peppercorn rent.

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16. Fund reconciliation

	Balance at 31 st March 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains / (losses)	Transfers	Balance at 31 st March 2025
Unrestricted	215,465	304,152	(289,993)	14,159	(3,389)	226,235
Restricted	0	31,643	(35,032)	(3,389)	3,389	0
Total Funds	215,465	335,795	(325,025)	10,770	0	226,235

17. Fund descriptions

- a. Unrestricted Funds – these are general funds
- b. Restricted Funds –
 - i. Cambs Community Fund – As part of the Health and Wellbeing Project, we delivered weekly yoga sessions, cookery classes focused on healthy low-budget meals, and regular walking sessions, until the 31st December 2024
 - ii. EELGA EON – We delivered a range of integration courses for migrants, including Housing, Driving Theory, and Know Your NHS courses to help migrants integrate into the wider British Society, until the 31st March 2025
 - iii. Peterborough City Council Household Support Fund –The funding was delivered to support individuals who are destitute and struggling with their household budgets to meet basic needs, until the 31st March 2025-
 - iv. Peterborough City Council grant – was used to upgrade our kitchen in the Centre.

18. Related party transactions

Mr Choudhary, the Chief Executive, is a director of Sahara Community Care Services Ltd.

	This year	Last year
Sales to Sahara Community Care Services	1,950	7,800