

Drayton Grange Community Association



Financial Statements
For the Year Ended
28th February 2025

Charity Registration Number 269261

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Annual Report for the year ending 28th February 2025

The Trustees and the Council of the Association present their report for the year ended the 28th February 2025.

The members of the Council during the year and their representative group where appropriate were:

Mike Cashmore	Chair/Treasurer/Secretary
	Booking Agent/Maintenance Officer
Ross Mounteney	Former Chinese Boxing instructor at the hall
Wendy Randall	West Northants Councillor & Trustee
Angela Squire	Ukulele
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The Association was convened in March 1975 and is registered with the Charity Commission Registration number 269261.

Objectives, Organisation and Activities

The association is established to:

- a) Promote the benefit of the residents of the Grange Estate, Drayton village and neighbouring areas to the west of Daventry by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations, and residents in a common effort to provide facilities for social welfare, leisure activities, educational and cultural advancement and to improve conditions of life for residents.
- b) To provide and maintain the community centre known as Nene Hall in Tamar Square on the Grange Estate in Daventry, manage its operation for the activities promoted by the Association and its constituent members and residents of the area.

The Association operates an Equal Opportunities policy. Any person may be a member without distinction of age, gender, ethnic origin, race or colour, political, religious, or other opinions.

Nene Hall is available for hire by any individual or organisation in accordance with the hiring agreement and scale of charges approved by the Council. It is intended that these charges generate enough income to meet all running expenditure incurred in providing and maintaining the Hall.

The Association is an independent organisation with group representatives and residents, with the Council comprising elected and nominated members. The council meets six times per year.

Chairman & Treasurer's report - Mike Cashmore

2024 was a year that matched 2023 in terms of income from groups and private hire despite losing ASH, the children's theatre group, and Scouts halfway through the year. ASH moved out due to the poor acoustics in the hall, which we have tried to address but have yet to cure, while Scouts suffered from a lack of leaders and therefore could not continue.

Our biggest expense outside of our utility bills for the year was our need to replace the hall's main front doors at a cost of £4,580 after several local businesses said they were beyond repair - fortunately the old locks were utilized saving the need to replace all the keys. Other unplanned expenses included a repair to the cooker, which totaled £300, which is now under a service plan for future repairs. LED lighting to one of the nursery's storage cupboards was fitted after the old fluorescent ones reached the end of their life at a cost of £170. Further expenditure to the sum of £475 was spent on the roof, which has needed attention for several years when the wind blew the rain in certain directions causing 4 leaks in various places around the hall. The gas and electric costs have risen by £4,000, while our cleaner's wage costs have increased by £1,000. Our regular grasscutter, Sarah, raised her price for each cut again to £50 from £40, so Clive, from Clive's Handyman Services was given the task at £25/cut although we had to provide the mower and the fuel! We paid £216 to have the drain cleared to one of the ladies' toilets, which is the first time it has blocked since we had a sleeve insert fitted many years ago, as before that it needed regular unblocking.

Cummins volunteers visited the hall again to carry out maintenance, a visit we have benefitted from every year since 2005, save the Covid years. The tasks carried out were clearing the undergrowth on the Staverton Road side of the building, trimming the hedge up the drive, removing a large bush to the front aspect, removing weeds and weed killing, fitting a new main kitchen sink mixer tap, re-sealing ladies sinks, freeing nursery's garden gate that was dragging on the ground, fitting kitchen worktop edging and replacing a Perspex window to the nursery's play shed. Breakfast was again provided by DGCA for all the volunteers, cooked by a couple of the volunteers, which is good value for all the work that is voluntarily carried out.

I have continued to carry on doing maintenance tasks paid at the minimum wage, which included replacing a glass panel, replacing a power socket, fixing a broken toilet cubicle door and so the list goes on, which can all be seen in the attached 'Jobs Done' sheet within this report.

We have again been sent an invoice for the 20% discretionary rate relief from WNC after successfully appealing the decision last year, so we are hoping that Ted Nicholl, one of our trustees, can get this decision reversed again, saving us over £800, a considerable charge for our small charity.

We have taken the decision not to replace the hall's main partition due to the cost being prohibitive at £25,000 – the lowest of two quotes we received. I will aim to remove the existing partition using Cummins volunteers when they visit sometime this year and remove the track it runs on, which has been a trip hazard when the partition is open since being installed in 1998.

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The attached financial statement shows the current state of the financial affairs of the Association which the Committee deems to be satisfactory.

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On Behalf of the Association

Mike Cashmore

Charity No. 269261

DRAYTON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Report and Financial Statements

to 28th February 2025

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By order of the Board
23rd May 2025

Michael Cashmore Chairman
Registered Office
Nene Hall
Tamar Square
Daventry
Northamptonshire NN11 4RB

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as at 28th February 2025 as at 29th February 2024

Income

Hall bookings	£31,993	£24,453
Grants	£0	£0
Gas refunds	£0	£259
Electricity refunds	£0	£0
Bank Interest & Gain on investment	£1,270	£0
Sundry	£0	£0
Total	<u>£33,263</u>	<u>£24,712</u>

Expenditure

Light & heat	£8,654	£3,665
Cleaning	£5,205	£5,487
Insurance	£962	£807
Water rates	£720	£585
Telephone	£510	£421
Refuse bins collection	£1,197	£815
Maintenance & improvements	£7,543	£9,715
Admin & advertising	£0	£0
Bank charges & Loss on investment	£60	£4,130
Sundry expenses	£0	£0
Total	<u>£24,851</u>	<u>£25,625</u>

Gross Surplus (loss-)	<u>£8,412</u>	<u>-£913</u>
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DRAYTON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 28th February 2025

as at 29th February 2024

ASSETS

Investment Standard Life	£27,458	£26,188
Cash at bank	£43,826	£36,683
Debtors (DoP)	£0	£0

LIABILITIES

Creditors	£0	£0
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NET ASSETS

£71,284	£62,871
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Represented by:**CAPITAL AND RESERVES**

Building Fund - earmarked/restricted	£50,000	£40,000
Accumulated Retained Profit	£12,871	£10,845
Profit and loss account	£8,413	£12,026

TOTAL FUNDS

£71,284	£62,871
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Approved by the Trustees on 23rd May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Cashmore
Edward Nicholl

Treasurer
Trustee



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

DRAYTON GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year
ended

28th February 2025

Charity no
(if any)

269261

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28th February 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

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 the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.

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:

L. Jones

Date: 26/06/25

Name:

Lynn Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

N/A

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