

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

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**Registered Charity Number: 273397**

**Patrons: None acting at present**

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**NAWC**

- Is a Registered Charity with member clubs nationwide
- Acts as an intermediary with Government Departments regarding resolutions debated at the Annual Conference.
- Issues information regularly to member clubs
- Provides an advisory service to its members.

**OBJECTS OF NAWC**

The objects of the Association shall be to advance education and to provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for women without distinction of political, religious or other opinions.

**These objects are achieved by;**

ACTIVITIES carried on within the clubs, from the practice of various crafts or taking part in choirs, drama, listening to speakers on a wide range of subjects in order to broaden interests and to stimulate women to take up further education. Outings are arranged to theatres, exhibitions and local industries, social events are also organized to suit all tastes.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS of clubs hold regular meetings which give local support and also provide each member with further social contacts.

AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE is held at which resolutions put by member Associations and Single Clubs are debated. Resolutions are of national importance, and many pieces of legislation have been passed over the years in which NAWC feels its voice has been instrumental.

MEMBERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY to attend one Day Workshops run or financed by the organization and held in various parts of the country.

COMMUNITY AND CHARITY WORK within the scope of the Association's Aims and Objects, is encouraged and there is a real growth of friendship between club members, which results in the development of community spirit.

**The CONSTITUTION is the Governing Document of the organisation, which each club must agree to abide by before being accepted in Membership**

## NATIONAL OFFICERS 2024/25

### \* Elected Positions

\* **CHAIRMAN:** Mrs Chris Burton (from September 2018)

**HON-TREASURER:** Mrs Maureen Harwood (from September 2022)

\* **VICE CHAIRMEN:** Mrs Joan Bramley  
Mrs Linda Starkey

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### ACCOUNTS EXAMINER:

Daniel Breen: 68 The Drive, Chase Cross, Romford, Essex RM5 3TR

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Barclays Bank plc  
Business Direct, Leicester LE87 2BB

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**THE TRUSTEES** are appointed annually from the members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Mrs Chris Burton	(from September 2015)
Mrs Mary Bird	(from December 2013)
Mrs Joan Bramley	(from January 2013)
Mrs Maureen Harwood	(from September 2002)
Mrs Linda Starkey	(from September 2017)

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Dear Members

It is with a very heavy heart I have to confirm that The National Association of Women's Clubs closed as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

This was a very difficult decision to make and although the F&GP Committee knew, at Conference last year, that it might happen we kept hoping that we could weather the storm. However, the finances were telling another story and you cannot keep losing £12,000 a year without something drastic happening.

We lost a lot of clubs though Covid, other clubs were closing due to the age of the membership and the worst thing was that clubs were withdrawing from the Association, we were obviously not fulfilling their expectations.

We did not want to go bankrupt which would have happened if we didn't do something about it, and we did have our staff to consider so the decision was made and in February 2025 we held an extra-ordinary meeting on zoom where the position was put to the clubs that joined us and the vote was taken that the Association would be closed.

The Association was started in 1935 and it was closing in 2025 our 90<sup>th</sup> Year! So the decision was made that we would hold lunches across the country at a subsidised cost of £20 to celebrate. I am very glad to say all those who wanted to go, came, and 4 delightful lunches were held. My thanks to Linda Starkey, Claire Donnelly, Jaquie Clark and Janice Bayliss who worked so hard to make these lunches a success and a fitting tribute to 90 glorious years.

It was also decided that each member would pay a £5 fee in March to cover from April to June and insurance for the club would be provided by the Association. Once all debts were honoured any remaining funds would be distributed to the clubs, prorated by their members who had paid the £5.

I have had a wonderful time as your Chairman and I know the others on the Committee will say the same, I hope your clubs will continue and you remain together and keep your friendships up.

Chris

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee is the governing body of NAWC on which every local Association has an elected representative and the Single Clubs have four appointed representatives.

**CHAIRMAN    Chris Burton**

Following previous Association closures, the two remaining Association delegates and the single club reps for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024-31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were as follows:

### **EXECUTIVE DELEGATES**

#### **HERTS LEA VALLEY ASSOC**

Sandra Batty

#### **SELNEC ASSOC**

Barbara Hampson

Also in attendance at such meetings on line would be:

NATIONAL VICE-CHAIRMAN

HEAD OFFICE STAFF

HON TREASURER

SINGLE CLUB REPS

AND ANY OBSERVERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

### **SINGLE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:**

#### **REGION 1**

Joan Bramley

#### **REGION 2**

POSITION VACANT

#### **REGION 3**

POSITION VACANT

#### **REGION 4**

Janice Bayliss

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Following the Covid pandemic we did loose around 750 members.  
One new club opened in January 2024.  
At present we have approx.1208 fully paid up members in 37 clubs

## **INSURANCE SCHEME**

All current clubs belong to the NAWC scheme. There have been no claims within the past 12 months. Each year we look around and negotiate to get the best renewal price.

## **STAFF FOR 2024/25**

### **Part-Time Staff at Head Office:**

CLAIRE DONNELLY Tuesday to Thursday (Flexible working)  
National Secretary

JACKIE CLARK (Tuesday & Wednesday) Admin officer

PAULINE CHITTICK - Accounts Thursday only

### **Honorary Promotional and Information Officer for the North West**

Pat Blair, MBE, JP (based in Liverpool – however health issues have meant that Janice Bayliss has supported Pat)

### **Promotional Officer for the South:**

Chris Burton – Copperbeech Club

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## **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The Committee act as Trustees to the Association and met regularly during the past year to examine the income and expenditure of NAWC together with estimates for the future.

Meetings in 2024/2025 were held via ZOOM and also at Head Office.

CHAIRMAN                      Chris Burton

HON TREASURER    Maureen Harwood

VICE-CHAIRMEN:    Joan Bramley    Linda Starkey

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**REPRESENTATIVES OF  
NAWC AT MEETINGS OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS 2022/23**

No meetings for any other organisations or charities have took place over the last 12 months.

**STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE COMPRISING OF THE NAWC OFFICERS**

The committee usually meet in April to consider and decide upon resolutions submitted according to the guidelines laid down concerning acceptability.  
As the Association was closing no resolutions were accepted

**NO CONSTITUTION CHANGES WERE NECCESSARY**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

No national weekend away was held in 2024.

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The summer 2024 competitions were agreed as:

**Individual Craft** – “A handmade or decorated lady’s scarf”

**Individual literary** – “A story or poem about a woman that has inspired you ” (no more than 2000 words)

**Club Entry** – .Six handmade birthday cards.

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## Head office helped to fund workshops

Two were held

On 26<sup>th</sup> April Herts Lea Valley held another successful workshop at Capel Manor, ladies from Essex, The Chilterns and Hertfordshire came together and had a very enjoyable time. Four classes were on offer, Flower arranging, Learn to Crochet, Pebble Art and Decorated flower pot. New skills in a very sociable atmosphere.

Janice Bayliss organized a Day School in the North West on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Cross Lane United Reform Church. A session of Strength & Balance Exercises and Craft in the morning, then a buffet lunch followed by entertainment from The Spectrum Singers

## FUND-RAISING & PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

### FUND RAISING:

Most branches of NAWC raise money for many good causes but NAWC as a registered Charity in its own right, relies heavily on the goodwill of members to raise funds to keep the organization viable.

The total of monies raised in the **Grand Draw** after payment of prizes, cost of printing and lottery registration was £638.80 for 2023/2024.

The **Home Counties Festival** of Carols and Christmas Songs took place in December, and made a profit of £500.00 for 2023/2024.

### The Autumn Fund-Raising Appeal

There was no Autumn Fundraising this year

**Monies raised at NAWC Meetings:** through raffles, etc. at NAWC events including conference, executive meetings, weekends away, lunches etc. and total approx. £528.00 for 2023/2024

## PROMOTIONAL

- At the last zoom executive meeting it was agreed that we must make promoting ourselves a priority.

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## **79<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**The Conference was held in September 2024 at the Waltham Abbey**

Conference started on Friday evening with a welcome by our Chairman, and a lovely dinner. Claire then hosted chocolate bingo with novelty bingo cards.

There were many stalls and craft items for sale. All our usual raffles and the guess the weight of the cake and contents in the jar went down well.

The conference itself started with our banner parade and a morning reading, the resolutions from Head Office then followed. All passed.

**The conference Competition** was any handmade craft item to encourage more entries.

The afternoon session was our AGM, and then after the coffee break we had a local entertaining speaker.

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## **CAROL CONCERTS – 2024**

Two concerts were held in December.

The first in London at The Salvation Army Hall in Oxford street, again it was held on a Saturday afternoon. A wonderful concert, with the band and readers and choir.

The Liverpool concert took place at Newton le-Willows, A lovely afternoon was had, with Jay and the choir

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## **NAWC Circulation and News & Views**

We are still producing News & Views

Various email newsletters have been sent to our contacts, we continue to do as much by email as possible now, and only post to those club secretaries etc that are not on email.

Twice a year there will be a post mail out to all, which will contain the printed news & views and various other NAWC information, and a Christmas card to all clubs in the winter season.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDING**

**MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 2025**

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

**National Association of Women's Clubs**

On accounts for the year  
ended

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Charity no  
(if any)

**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 Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 statement below.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*)

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 Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

Signed:



Date: 30/06/2025

Name:

Daniel Breen

Address:

68 The Drive, Collier Row, Romford ,Essex .

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**2024/25**

**RECEIPTS**

	£
Donations	1,585.03
Monies raised	15,386
Fees	26,886
Bank and reserve account interest	970
Net Vat	2,037
Refunds	2,167
Stock sales	122
Other	7

Total receipts	49,159
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#### PAYMENTS

Wages	30,290
Advertising	368
Events	14,231
IT costs	945
Rent,rates,Water	8,203
Postage,(Phone now on BT)Telephone,	1,620
General Fundraising	456
Insurance	591
Stationary etc	777
Gifts	290
Stock Purchases	410
Net Vat	2,144
Other	1,586

Total payments	61,911
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**2024/25**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**£**

**Monetary Assets**

Current account	<b>500</b>
Reserve account	<b>7039</b>
Barclays Premium Savings	<b>42003</b>
Petty Cash	<b>161</b>
	<b><u>49702</u></b>

**Other Assets**

Furnishings and equipment	<b>nil</b>
Stock	<b>798</b>

<b>Income 2024-25</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>
Membership fees/Friends Of	25,595.00
Insurance Fees	1,110.00
Publications	793.50
Stock Sales	122.00
F&GP	30.00
General donations#	56.00
Personal Donations	20.00
General fundraising**	-
NAWC Event	559.11
Guide Dogs	654.62
Quiz donations	30.00
Closed Club/Association donations	1,479.03
Grand Draw	1,244.00
<b>FUNDRAISING - above</b>	<b>4,042.76</b>
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Carol concert -London collection 2024 -	492.75
Carol Concert-London 2024-Mbrs tickets -	1,080.00
Conference 2023-Mbrs payments- September 2023	419.50
Conference 2024	5,810.00
Conference 2024 stalls and raffles	658.12
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London Summer Event-Mbrs payments -Mary green Manor 2025	2,990.00
Afternoon Tea Marygreen Manor hotel	760.00
Afternoon Tea Marygreen Manor hotel raffle	60.00
Midlands Lunch-Mbrs payments Wishaw Barn plus raffle	1,871.70
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<b>EVENTS - above</b>	<b>14,142.07</b>
Postage/Circ Fees	14.30
Speakers List Fees	167.00
Stationery	-
Gift Aid Refund	-
VAT refund	2,166.74
Poppy Wreaths	-
Barclays Savings-yearly Transfer from NATWEST-January	30.00
Barclays Savings account interest	747.87
NatWest Business Reserve interest	191.94
Sundries	6.60
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Spare	-
<b>ADMINISTRATION - above</b>	<b>3,324.45</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>49,159.78</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>61,911.01</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>- 12,751.23</b>

**Expenses 2024-25**

	<b>Grand total</b>
Salaries incl wages fee, Pensions, Nat. Ins.	29515.08
Membership refund	38
FGP travel	544.48
Staff	230
Spare	0
<b>TRAVEL &amp; EXPENSES - above</b>	<b>774.48</b>
Carol Concert London Collection-2023	450
Carol concert London -2024 - Dep/Balance/Café	1352.4
Carol Concert London Collection-2024	0
West Midlands Lunch Wishaw Barn	2478
Conference transport deposit/balance 2024	316
Conference 2024 -	6852.85
Conference Travel North West	250
Conference refund	385
Afternoon Tea 2024-Dep/balance	755
prosecco, table gifts and raffle	103.55
Workshops / HLV	250
London event Marygreen Manor 2025	400
<b>Events - above</b>	<b>13592.8</b>
Marie Curie	638.5
Fundraising Event 2024/25 Guide Dogs	0
Grand Draw (incl.LBH Licence)	456
<b>Fundraising events - above</b>	<b>1094.5</b>
Accountant	1000
Christmas Cards & gifts	0
Equip, repair,rental,maintenance	64.57
General Office Expenses	100.1
Insurance	591.31

Nat West Current A/C Bank Charges	272.34
Poppy wreaths (British Legion)	0
Postage,Telephone (new mobile), Broadband	1619.62
Print, Stationery	777.11
Publicity,promotions News & Views	368.4
Quiz/Competition Prizes & Judges Gift	290
Rent	8138.88
Stock Purchases (incl samples)	409.5
VAT	2143.64
Website Domain renewal/lease	600
New Club Gemini Rent	80.8
ZOOM	168.87
Software License for VAT	72
Petty Cash Conference Driver's tip/ Caretaker's tip	12.05
Virus protector	103.99
Annual £30 from Natt West to Barclays	30
Sundries	52.97
ADMINISTRATION - above	16896.15
Grand Total	61911.01





**Balance sheet**  
**01/04/2024 -**  
**31/03/2025**

**Closing**  
**Balance at Bank and Petty cash**  
**2024/25**

Current Account	500.00
Reserve account	10,720.74
Petty Cash Balance	172.62
Barclays Premium Savings	51,225.15

Opening Balance at 1st April 2024	62,618.51
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**Balance at 01/04/2025**

Current account	500
Reserve account	7038.69
Petty Cash	160.57
Barclays Premium Savings	42003.02

-	Total	49,702.28
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Income inc. Petty Cash 2024-25      49,159.78

Expenses inc Petty Cash 2024-25      61,911.01

Plus cleared cheque from 2023/2024      165.00

Balance as at 31st March 2025      49,702.28

Total balance      49,702.28