

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 285705

Details

Other names SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1982-12-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH WIMBLEDON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS 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 OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTRES AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH CENTRES FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: To provide a facility promoting social well-being, catering predominantly for the local South Wimbledon community. We also have users from further afield. We provide rooms & other facilities at lower rates than most other local providers. We also provide limited direct services for members.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOUTH WIMBLEDON AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT
- Merton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£77,498	£85,271	-	-
2023-12-31	£72,187	£84,855	-	-
2022-12-31	£76,502	£69,240	-	-
2021-12-31	£56,349	£67,731	-	-
2020-12-31	£61,451	£78,310	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Martin Thomas Lake	Chair	2020-09-30
Andrew Norman Harold Coles		2019-07-24
Harry Joseph Todd		2017-09-19
Ian Heppell		2020-09-30
James Thomas Congrave		2023-09-26
June Margaret Hayles		2016-10-12
MR Bert Kennedy		2016-10-12
MRS Philomena Kennedy		2016-10-12
Michael Arthur Brunt		2022-09-21
THANABALASINGAM RATNAVADIEVEL		2013-10-11

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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON
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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024**

Charity Registration No: 0285705

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MR MIKE BRUNT
MR THANABALASINGAM RATNAVADIEVEL
MR JAMES CONGRAVE

Office Manager: Kate Holmes,

Caretakers: Keith Bernard, Derek Bernard (resigned 2nd March 2025), Mohamed Loukrichi (from 3rd April 2025).

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SWCA CHAIR'S REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

To start on a bright note, I am happy to report that the Association continues to perform its intended functions and that there were no significant operational issues to report. Client satisfaction appears to be high judging from feedback received.

However, 2024 saw another difficult year in regard to the financial situation. The financial statement which will cover this in more detail shows that revenues were not sufficient to meet our expenditures for the second consecutive year. Our only source of income is from client booking fees whilst our expenses, mainly on staff costs, utilities and supplies, are largely fixed regardless of client use. Also, most expense items are understandably increasing year on year. The situation in 2024 is in spite of a 9% increase in hire charges for that year. The position so far in 2025 is similar even after a further 10% increase to hire rates for this year. It is highly likely therefore that we will have to make another increase in hire charges for next year. Efforts are being made to try to attract additional users mainly through new advertising and also to reduce some costs in areas such as suppliers and cleaning. Your Association still offers very good value and thanks largely to our staff continues to provide an excellent facility for all our activities.

In early 2025 we welcomed a new caretaker Mohamed and thanked the previous incumbent Derek for his service. On the subject of personnel there is still room for one additional trustee should a volunteer come forward. We are especially keen to hear from anyone who wishes to gain experience at helping to run a small charity like ours.

Finally, I would like to record once again my thanks and appreciation to my fellow trustees, our staff (Kate, Keith and Mohamed) and all our clients for their valued and ongoing support.

Martin Lake

Martin Lake, Chair SWCA, July 2025.

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The financial outcome for 2024 has seen some improvement for our Community Association with a loss of £7,773 against £12,668 experienced in 2023. However, it is disappointing that another loss has to be reported. An increase in Bookings has definitely helped. but money received has again been unable to keep pace with the increase in operational costs.

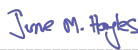
The decrease in our loss this year reflects our ongoing efforts to manage costs and increase efficiency, despite facing several external pressures. All service costs are essential to the facilities offered, but all continue to rise. Cleaning and Waste Removal this year both show an increase. Heat & Lighting does show a marked fall. I would warn against seeing this as a continuing trend though, as this is due somewhat to a dramatic reduction in monthly payments to British Gas for a period when our account was in credit. Additionally, this year, rising National Insurance (NI) contributions have contributed to higher staffing costs overall.

On salaries, we remain committed to paying the London Living Wage, along with the associated NI and pension contributions. While this is a considerable cost for a small Association, we believe the continuity and dedication of our staff are invaluable. We particularly recognise the ongoing contribution of Kate Holmes in the office, and the customer service delivered by our caretakers, Keith, Derek until March of this year, and now Mohamad. Their assistance is frequently praised by clients.

Maintaining cleanliness and high standards remains a priority despite rising service costs. Through close monitoring of cleaning needs and usage patterns, Kate continues to balance high standards with cost efficiency maintaining high standards expected by our members and visitors whilst minimizing costs.

Looking forward to 2025: At the end of 2024, our reserves stood at £187,952, down from £192,806 at the end of 2023. Though we are experiencing a second year of loss the Trustees are satisfied that robust financial controls remain in place, and that the Association continues to be well respected in the community and can be adequately resourced to provide its valued services. Looking ahead, we will continue to work towards financial sustainability through proactive management and strategic negotiations.

We thank you for your continued support.



June Hayles
Treasurer, SWCA
September 2024

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Basis of Independent Report

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Sep 3, 2025
Date:

			SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION					
			STATEMENT OF ASSESTS AND LIABILITIES					
			1ST JANUARY 2024 - 31ST DECEMBER 2024					
				<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Total 2024</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	
				<u>GBP</u>		<u>GBP</u>	<u>GBP</u>	
		Fixed Assests						
		Current Assests						
		Debtors						
		Cash at bank		187,952		187,952	192,806	
				<u>187,952</u>		<u>187,952</u>	<u>192,806</u>	
		Current Liabilities						
		Creditors	Deposits	2,100		2,100	1,600	
			Castle Water	-		-	2,667	
		Total Assests Less Liabilities		<u>185,852</u>		<u>185,852</u>	<u>188,539</u>	

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SWCA CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2023 proved a tougher year than expected especially in regard to the financial situation. The financial statement which will cover this in more detail shows that revenues were not sufficient to meet our expenditures. Our income is entirely dependent on client bookings which are good but not at maximum levels. However, our expenses, mainly on staff costs, utilities and supplies, are largely fixed regardless of client use. Also, most expense items are being driven upwards still by inflationary pressures. The situation in 2023 is in spite of a 10% increase in hire charges for that year. The position so far in 2024 is similar even after a further 9% increase to hire rates for this year. It is highly likely therefore that we will have to make a further significant increase in hire charges for next year. Your Association still offers very good value and thanks largely to our staff continues to provide an excellent facility for all our activities.

In 2023 we welcomed Derek Bernard to our staff and Jim Congrave as a new trustee. There is currently still a space for one additional trustee should a volunteer come forward.

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Martin Lake,
Chair SWCA,
August 2024.

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The financial outcome for 2023 has been very disappointing. Income from Bookings were down, though not substantially on the previous year, but money received has been unable to keep up with the increase in operational costs. We therefore show a substantial deficit in income against expenditure.

Our only 2 funding sources have been hall hire and a London Borough of Merton grant. Unfortunately, after an assessment in 2023 the 1st part payment of our LBM grant was agreed, but thereafter the grant ceased. We therefore immediately lost £3,000 of income.

Additional pressure, as for every household, has come from the increases in energy and other service costs. We continue to seek the cheapest deals and argue our case on these. The Chairman fought long and hard on the Castle Water bill we had received back in 2022, and ultimately someone saw the light, or rather the leak, and we did eventually receive a refund of £1,798 in 2023. This may be the one positive of the year as our deficit would have been substantially higher if not!

On salaries we are committed to maintaining the annual London Living Wage increase and associated NI and pension costs. This is a big cost to a small Association. However, the reward of continuity from our staff is immeasurable. The knowledge and wisdom of Kate Holmes day to day in the office is invaluable and the good customer service offered by the Bernard brothers is often fed back to us by clients.

Looking forward to 2024: At the end of 2023 our reserves were £188,539 down from £206,299 in December 2022. The Trustees do consider that satisfactory financial controls are in place, and that the Charity is still well placed and resourced to continue providing its services. The future however will continue to be challenging. 2023 has seen a perfect storm: higher energy prices, loss of a grant and rising prices across the board affecting our clients and their clients. Unfortunately, this is not a blip and there will not be an immediate improvement in this position from the evidence so far. We however know that the community appreciate the space and facilities that the Association offer, and our hope is that we can weather the storm together.

We thank you for your continued support.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
1ST JANUARY 2023 - 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	GBP	GBP
Income Received		
Hall Hire (less deposit)	67,460	69,899
LB Merton Grant	3,130	6,070
Membership	90	48
Investment - Interest Received	1,507	485
Total Income	72,187	76,502
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	432	421
Cleaning	13,151	11,045
Insurance	1,434	1,288
Maintenance	4,512	682
Office & Sundry	1,007	913
Telephone	1,419	1,274
Professional Fees	395	375
Commission Payment	420	745
Staff	51,548	47,398
Light & Heat	7,829	2,917
Website	273	365
Volunteer exps	321 -	
Waste Removal	2,114	1,817
Total Expenditure	84,855	69,240
Net loss for the year	-12,668	7,262

**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
1ST JANUARY 2023 - 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted GBP	Restricted GBP	2023 GBP	2022 GBP
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Debtors - Castle Water		-		-
Cash at bank	<u>192,806</u>		<u>192,806</u>	<u>206,524</u>
	<u>192,806</u>	-	<u>192,806</u>	<u>206,524</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors Castle Water	2,667	-	2,667	
Deposits	1,600		1,600	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u><u>188,539</u></u>	-	<u><u>188,539</u></u>	

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Income and Expenditure during the year amounted to £76,502 & 69,240 respectively.

RESERVES POLICY

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RISK ASSESSMENT

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THANKS

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Merton Council, and everyone involved with the Charity for all their support and help throughout the year.

SWCA CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

After the serious disruptions in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic and the continuing fallout last year, 2022 saw a return to a near normal business year. This was characterised by a very good volume of bookings and a return to a working surplus on our current account.

I would like to record once again the Boards appreciation of our staff. Kate Holmes who manages the day-to-day operations in an exemplary manner and our caretakers Patrick Cotter and Keith and Derek Bernard. Patrick decided in December 2022 to seek employment elsewhere and after 12 years' service we were sorry to let him go. He leaves with our thanks and best wishes for the future.

As I wrote in the postscript to my report last year our long serving member Jose 'Pepe' Brenes passed away on 8 July. He had been a trustee for 14 years and as a local resident he took a great interest in his local community. He was a character who will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Business wise we made a further 10% increase in our hire charges for 2023 and during the current economic climate it will be necessary to review these again for 2024. We will make decision in this matter by December.

There are many issues that surface during the year that occupy significant time from your trustees and office holders. The office holders give a lot of their time to support the financial, administrative and personnel functions necessary to support a successful community facility. Staff recruitment, meetings with the Council over the grant, management of the accounts and staff remuneration among others. One issue surrounded the water bill for Pincott Road that had not been levied for over 3 years. This eventually came in at £4,500 based on inflated readings affected by a major leak on the supply pipe. This was negotiated down to £2,500 based on current usage and subject to an application for a leak allowance refund. The refund has now been agreed at £1,800. So, £700 for 4 years water and waste is not too bad.

As always, I would like to thank my fellow board members, staff and customers for their continued support of the Association.

2023 Preview: So far, the year has reflected 2022 with a good volume of casual bookings and continued support from established users. Following Patrick's resignation, we employed Derek Bernard to work alongside his brother Keith in the job share caretaker role. We are very happy to have Derek on board.

We are also seeking an additional trustee and at the time of writing have accepted an application for submission at the AGM elections.

Martin Lake, Chair SWCA. September 2023.

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

2022 began to show a steady income that we hoped throughout the year would see us break even. Surprisingly, the end of year Income and Expenditure figures showed a respectable surplus that will help us make up for some of the loss in 2021.

Our principal funding sources were from hall hire and the London Borough of Merton grant. In 2022 the grant was £6,070. The latter has helped us maintain our level of interior decoration and day-to-day repairs through the difficult last couple of years. A good impression of our premises is one of the keys to continued success and we thank the local Council for their continued support. Room Hire totals were £69,899 against £38,032 in 2021.

Our reserves on 31st December 2022 were £202,274. As in 2021 it became necessary to draw on reserves during the year but thankfully, only once. This was the transfer of £10,000 in August between our Barclay's savings and Barclay's current accounts. It became necessary so we were able to ensure payment of staff salaries during our quieter hire period over summer months.

Expenditure in 2022 increased on salaries. As is our norm we increased these to match the London Living Wage. Expenditure on services also increased, except for Cleaning where we cut back slightly on our outside cleaners, tasking our Caretakers with certain cleaning duties. All of these are within their contract. At the 2021 AGM we reported that there was an invoice outstanding with Castle Water, and we were in communication with them about why the invoice was so high. A compromise on the amount owed was eventually reached and the outstanding amount repaid in 6 installments during 2023. The latest news we have in September 2023 is that we can expect to receive a refund!

Looking forward to 2023: the Trustees consider that satisfactory financial controls are in place, and that the Charity is well placed and resourced to continue providing its services. The future will be challenging but we consider currently manageable. I am sure we all hope that community activity will continue to improve towards some kind of "normal level". However, we fully appreciate that for our client's, "normal" is also still to be identified as their client's participation in activities has also been challenged and altered by COVID and lockdowns. Our hope is that we can continue growing again together.

We thank you for your continued support.

June Hayles
Treasurer, SWCA
September 2023

**THE SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INDEPENDENT REVIEW
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

I report on the accounts for the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022 which is set out on the following pages.

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Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees

As the Board of Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

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Independent statement

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

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or

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Date:

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY
1ST JANUARY 2022 - 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	GBP	GBP
Income Received		
Hall Hire (less deposit)	69,899	38,032
LB Merton Grant	6,070	5,920
Gov. UK - JRS Grant		11,990
Membership	48	5
Investment - Interest Received	485	402
	76,502	56,349
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	421	282
Cleaning	11,045	10,540
Rent		
Insurance	1,288	1,500
Maintenance	682	689
Office & Sundry	913	378
Telephone	1,274	1,112
Professional Fees	375	325
Commission Payment	745	740
Staff	47,398	44,009
Light & Heat	2,917	3,378
Website	365	
Deposit (Returned)	-	3,227
Waste Removal	1,817	1,550
	69,240	67,731
Net Surplus for the year	7,262	-11,382

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all records and information necessary for their preparation.

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June Hayles
For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
1ST JANUARY 2022 - 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted GBP	Restricted GBP	2022 GBP	2021 GBP
Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank	206,524		206,524	199,244
	<u>206,524</u>	-	<u>206,524</u>	199,244
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	2750	-	2750	
Castle Water (Est)	1500	-	1500	
Total Assets Less Liabilities	<u>202,274</u>	-	<u>202,274</u>	

**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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No remuneration was paid to Trustees. Trustees are reimbursed expenses incurred on behalf of the charity in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 285705

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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2021**

Charity Registration No: 0285705

**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

Trustees:

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MR ANDY COLES (SECRETARY)
MR IAN HEPPELL
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MS PAULINE COWPER
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MR THANABALASINGAM RATNAVADIEVEL
MR SHAUN BUCHANAN
MR JOSE 'PEPE' BRENES (Deceased 8th July 2022)

Office Manager: Kate Holmes,
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ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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INTRODUCTION

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OBJECTS

To further or benefit the residents of South Wimbledon and the surrounding area, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organizations 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 objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In the furtherance of this objective the Association hires room facilities, to predominantly local groups, from three locations in South Wimbledon.

The Board of Trustees has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit & is of the opinion that the Association is fully compliant.

GOVERNANCE

The Association is governed by a written Constitution which has been approved by the Charity Commission. The Board of Trustees are all subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

They have control of the charity and its funds. Potential Trustees with local knowledge or expertise along with representatives of user groups are encouraged to seek election to the board. The aim is to achieve a diverse range of individuals who can make a positive contribution.

FINANCES

Income and Expenditure during the year amounted to £56,349 & £67,731 respectively.

RESERVES POLICY

The Board of Trustees believe that the Charity needs Reserves of at least £120,000 to ensure the future smooth running of the charity. This is intended to cover relocation costs in the short to medium term.

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RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees continually review the controls and procedures throughout the organization, in order to minimize external and internal risk. The organization has adequate indemnity insurance.

SERIOUS INCIDENTS

The Board declares that there were no serious incidents to report in 2021 under section 169 of the Charities Act 2011.

THANKS

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Merton Council, and everyone involved with the Charity for all their support and help throughout the year.

SWCA CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

In the autumn of 2020 there were realistic hopes that 2021 would be a much better year as the country sought to emerge from the Covid pandemic. The relaxation of the first lockdown in July 2020 and the increasing prospect of a successful vaccine gave strength to these hopes. However a second serious wave of the virus resulted in a second national lockdown from early January. This meant a further disruption of the Association's business right through to July 2021.

In line with Government regulations we managed a staged return from March (school group) through to July since when it has been almost "business as usual" albeit under the "new" normal. Thanks to the very successful vaccine rollout this was not derailed too much when the Omicron variant struck towards the end of the year. Most of our clients have returned along with some new ones and we welcome them back and continue to appreciate their support.

I would like to record once again the Committee's appreciation of our staff; Kate who manages the day-to-day operations in an expert fashion and our caretakers Patrick and Keith. Keith Bernard joined our staff in June 2021 following the resignation of Mousa Storer. We welcome Keith and thank Mousa for his 3 years of service and wish him well in his new career.

Our clients will be well aware that we undertook a price review at the end of 2021 and effected a 9% increase to most charges from January 2022. This was the first increase since 2017 and while regrettable has proved prudent in view of the current inflationary situation. Going forward the Committee feels that a more regular price review is sensible and fair. We will make a decision in this matter by December.

Finally I would like to thank my fellow board members for their voluntary work on behalf of the Association. We can only exist as a service to the community through the work of our staff and volunteers.

2022 Preview: The year to date has seen an uninterrupted continuation of our operations with a very healthy stream of casual bookings and support from established users. Fingers crossed that we can put the pandemic behind us but we can never forget the devastation and personal losses that it caused.

Also on a very sad note our beloved trustee Jose Brenes passed away on 8th July in St. George's Hospital following a collapse at home. 'Pepe', as he was known to many, had been a board member for 14 years and we will remember him with much affection.

Martin Lake, Chair SWCA, 24th August 2022

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

As stated at last year's AGM, it was not until late into the 2nd half of 2021 that South Wimbledon Community Association (SWCA) began to regain a 'norm' in operations. For large periods of the year room hire was not permitted under 'lockdown' and other restrictions and, on occasions when they were, reduced footfall and understandable caution from clients meant demand was very low. Not until late September did a steady client base of bookings begin to build and become more of a weekly pattern that has continued into 2022. Therefore, SWCA's financial report for the second year running shows a marked decline on that of the previous decade.

All charities generally speaking have seen their income adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic so SWCA is not unique. But our income as a Community Association does come by far from the hiring of facilities and in 2021 this figure was £38,032 compared to £38,455 in 2020. In comparison the year before the pandemic began, i.e 2019, that figure had been £98,278.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for SWCA during 2021 were grants; Job Retention Scheme (JRS), i.e. furlough, and London Borough of Merton (LBM).

All claims made to the JRS were agreed and gave us 80% of basic salary payments. With this support, and by SWCA paying the additional 20%, we were able to maintain our staff on full basic pay throughout the pandemic. LBM once again maintained our grant (£5,920) for the year and continued to charge us zero Rates on the Victory and Pincott Road properties.

For all support, national and local, the Trustees would like to express their grateful appreciation. I would also personally wish to thank Agilysis payroll and LBM Human Resources for the support given to me in managing the furlough payments throughout. Their time and payroll expertise were invaluable in ensuring salaries were paid correctly and on time.

I cannot over-state how important this financial support has been. Our position would have been much more precarious without it, and required us to draw much more heavily on our reserves.

Reserves

Our Reserves on 31st December 2021 were £199,244 (2020; £210,603). All the monies having been transferred to our current account to top up salaries to 100% and meet direct debit payments throughout the year.

Expenditure

Where it was possible, we continued to suspend services and their regular payments from 2020 into 2021. For example, we suspended payments to Castle Water for Pincott Road. Unfortunately, not all Utility companies offered the facility to suspend payments, and the downside of being able to was that eventually companies caught up with us again. Such as with Castle Water, who now as I write this in June 2022 have just issued a demand for nearly £4,000.00! So, we now have the task of working out what might have happened in the interim!

Looking forward into 2022, the Trustees consider that satisfactory financial controls are in place, and that the Charity is well placed and resourced to continue providing its services into the foreseeable future. The current year 2022 has we are delighted to relay seen a return by many of our long-term group and individual regulars. We are also delighted to have welcomed new faces whom we hope will go forward with us in the future.

After much discussion we have increased our hire rates in 2022. Our last increase was back in 2017. The intention is to keep future increases to a minimum and the next to at least a year in the future, maintaining our ethos of offering competitive prices yet affordable facilities to our community.

We thank you for your continued support.

June Hayles
Treasurer, SWCA
September 2021
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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INDEPENDENT REVIEW
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

Mr P Okusi
Independent examiner
Thompson & Co
Vestry Hall
Mitcham
CR4 3UD

Date:

		SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION		
		RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY		
		1ST JANUARY 2021 - 31ST DECEMBER 2021		
			2021	2020
			GBP	GBP
Income Received				
	Hall Hire		38,032	38,455.00
	LB Merton - Grant		5,920	5,830.00
	Gov. UK - JRS Grant		11,990	17,124.00
	Membership		5	
	Investment - Interest Received		402	42.00
			56,349	61,451
Expenditure				
	Bank charges		282	294
	Cleaning		10,540	8,039
	Rent			768
	Insurance		1,500	1,477
	Maintenance		689	1,571
	Office & Sundry		378	1,746
	Telephone		1,112	
	Professional fees		325	325
	Commission Payment		740	
	Staff		44,009	51,301
	Light & Heat		3,378	6,372
	Sundry			490
	Deposits returned		3,227	5,927
	Waste Removal		1,550	
			67,731	78,310
Net Surplus For The Year			-11,383	-16,859
<p>We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available all records and information necessary for their preparation.</p>				
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<p>June Hayles</p>				
<p>For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees</p>				

		SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION			
		STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITES			
		1ST JANUARY 2021 - 31ST DECEMBER 2021			
		Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
		GBP	GBP	GBP	GBP
	Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
	Current Assets				
	Debtors	-	-	-	-
	Cash at bank	199,244		199,244	210,603
		199,244	-	199,244	210,603
	Current Liabilities				
	Creditors				
	Castle Water (Est)	1,500	-	1,500	-
	Total Assets Less Liabilities	197,744	-	197,744	210,603

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SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2020**

Charity Registration No: 0285705

**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

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SWCA CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2020 will go down in history as the year of the Covid pandemic. Not since the two World Wars has a single event had such an impact on the lives of nearly all global citizens.

While individuals and families have borne the brunt of the catastrophe, no organisation has been immune including our own. The damage has been felt on a personal, financial and social scale.

Most sorely for the SWCA was the loss of our then Chairman Jeff Gunn who having contracted the coronavirus in March died in St George's Hospital, Tooting on 7th April 2020, aged 68 years.

Jeffrey Alexander Gunn was not only a long serving member of the association but also a stalwart of his local community through his various charitable and political roles. He will be missed as a friend and colleague as well as for his humour and good advice. A bench has been erected in his memory in a local park of which he was a Friend and one of our premises has been dedicated to him.

From the start of the first national lockdown on 23rd March our premises were closed and all business halted. One saving grace was the ability to use the Government furlough scheme for our three paid employees whenever available and also to have the comfort of our substantial reserves. Income and reserves have obviously been significantly affected as the financial return will reveal.

In preparation for the partial re-opening in July after the conditional lifting of restrictions we carried out a survey and put in place all the necessary measures to make our premises Covid secure in step with Government guidelines and orders. This involved amending our hiring agreements, introducing a one-way system with signage and floor markings to aid social-distancing, purchasing additional equipment for cleaning and providing hand sanitiser stations throughout our facilities. In spite of this we could only support a limited return of our regular users in order to comply with the restrictions on group sizes (Rule of 6) and permitted activities.

Since the start of the lockdowns and to the time of writing all official meetings of the Trustees have been hosted on Zoom and these have been held with the normal frequency. At the AGM on 30th September Martin Lake was elected as new

Chair of the Association and thanked Harry Todd for his work as acting Chair since April. All the previous positions as Officers and Trustees were re-elected.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and Trustees for their efforts in a particularly tough environment and also all of our clients for their continued support.

We continue as our main operation to lease premises at Victory and Pincott Roads. At the moment there is no plan to expand beyond these as the new local academy school is no longer an option.

2021 Preview: the pandemic emergency has also dominated the first 8 months of 2021 and only at the time of writing are we getting back to the new 'normal' in terms of operations.

The second national lockdown in early January caused the closure of our premises again and the ceasing of all business until the gradual and phased re-openings in April, May and July.

There has been one staff change after a caretaker resignation in March. A new employee started in June following a short hiring campaign.

Martin Lake, Chair SWCA. 18thAugust 2021.

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

As predicted at the time of reporting for the 2019 financial year, 2020 has been a testing year for South Wimbledon Community Association (SWCA).

It was as the first quarter of the financial year drew to a close that the Covid-19 pandemic began to have significant impact for SWCA as well as worldwide. Until that point the year financially had been much as any other with a steady client base of regular group bookings and one-off events.

On March 23rd all facilities of SWCA were closed. The Community Association remained shut until July when it was able to re-open on a restricted basis to certain users. There were several tweaks to who and how groups should operate during the autumn but as December progressed and restrictions changed again the Association closed its doors for the Christmas period and as it turned out, did not reopen until April 2021.

SWCA is not unique, all charities generally speaking have seen their income adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Income for this Community Association is from the hire of facilities and in 2020 this was £38,455 compared to £98,278 in 2019. Unfortunately, this will have an ongoing impact in the 2021 accounts when they are reported next year.

Income

The support of the Government furlough scheme, London Borough of Merton (LBM), our reserves and our long-standing customers has been critical in enabling the Association to survive the Covid Crisis. The Management Committee, at the time led by Jeff Gunn (Chair), agreed to maintain our 3 part-time staff under the furlough scheme should this be possible. All our claims were achieved through the pandemic, giving us 80% of basic salary payments back through April to August. LBM maintained our grant (£5,830) for the year and continued to charge us zero Rates on the properties. For this support the Trustees would like to express their grateful appreciation. I would also personally wish to thank LBM Payroll and Human Resources for the support given to me in managing the Furlough payments throughout.

Our Reserves policy has come into its own during the period of the pandemic. We have had to draw heavily on them throughout. During 2020 we transferred £11,500 from our Savings Account into the Current Account during 2020. More has been transferred during 2021 and will be reported on in next year's financial report.

And finally, though unable to meet and use the Centre our thanks go to our long-standing customers who have showed support and patience during the lengthy closures. Knowing that the opportunities offered by SWCA were greatly missed was an incentive to all Trustees to keep things going.

Expenditure

Where it was possible, we suspended services and their regular payments. For example, our cleaning service was not engaged for most of the year. Unfortunately, not all Utility companies offered the facility to suspend payments, but of course little to no use will eventually work its way through with lower bills at a later date.

Other expenditure of note has been for signage, anti-bacterial gels and other requirements to get ready for and continuing with COVID free measures.

Looking forward into 2021, the Trustees consider that satisfactory financial controls are in place, and that the Charity is well placed and resourced to continue providing its services into the foreseeable future.

June Hayles
Treasurer, SWCA
September 2021
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**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

The Board of Trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of the income resources and application of resources in the year. In preparing the statement, the Board of Trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- b. Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the statement of accounts.
- d. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the 'Charity' will continue its operations. The Board of Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 'Charity' at that time and to enable the Board of Trustees to ensure that any statement of account prepared by them complies with the regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
INDEPENDENT REVIEW
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

I report on the accounts for the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020 which is set out on the following pages.

This review is made solely to the Board of Trustees of South Wimbledon Community Association as a body. My review has been undertaken so that I might state to the Board of Trustees, those matters I am required to state to them in a review and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the Board of Trustees as a body for my review, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees

As the Board of Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

Basis of Independent Report

A review 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 any explanations from you as the Board of Trustees, concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent statement

In connection with my review, no other 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 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.

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Independent examiner
Thompson & Co
Vestry Hall
Mitcham
CR4 3UD

Date:

SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION			
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY			
1ST JANUARY 2020 - 31ST DECEMBER 2020			
		2020	2019
		GBP	GBP
Income Received			
	Hall Hire	38,455.00	98,278.00
	LB Merton - Grant	5,830.00	5,740.00
	Gov. UK	17,124.00	
	Investment - Interest Received	42.00	95.00
		61,451	104,113
Expenditure			
	Bank charges	294	474
	Cleaning	8039	14,226
	Rent	768	4,008
	Insurance	1477	1,469
	Maintenance	1571	4,686
	Office & Sundry	1746	3,092
	Petty Cash		
	Professional fees	325	325
	Staff	51301	53,449
	Travel		
	Utilities	6372	7,071
	Deposits		
	Advertisement		
	Sundry	490	45
	Deposits returned	5,927	9,398
	Unpaid cheque		150
		78,310	98,392
Net Loss		-16,859	5,721

We approve these accounts and confirm that we have made available
all records and information necessary for their preparation.

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June Hayles
For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

**SOUTH WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under Receipts and Payments basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and Statement of Recommended Practice

2. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor

3. Transactions with Trustees

No remuneration was paid to Trustees. Trustees are reimbursed expenses incurred on behalf of the charity in furtherance of the charity's objectives.