

# ABBHEY WOOD COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 289843

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1984-07-17

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

## Contact

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**Address** Abbey Wood Community Centre  
4 Knee Hill  
London  
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**Website** [www.abbeywoodcommunitygroup.org](http://www.abbeywoodcommunitygroup.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF ABBEY WOOD (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE AREA OF BENEFIT) WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ADVANCING EDUCATION AND PROVIDING FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** We are a Community Centre with two Halls (one Large-capacity 120, one small-capacity 40) available for hire to local people of all ages for regular group meetings or private functions. We have a very busy schedule of many varied Groups meeting during the week and weekend private hire.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ABBEY WOOD
- Greenwich
- Kent

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£95,819	£87,850	-	-
2024-03-31	£92,483	£96,720	-	-
2023-03-31	£73,134	£81,994	-	-
2022-03-31	£66,098	£82,663	-	-
2021-03-31	£91,240	£57,349	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>JANE HALL</b>	Chair	
Alvin powell		2025-11-25
Annie Greywood		2025-11-25
Carmel Britto		2018-09-18
Chris King		2025-11-25
Graham Leggett		2025-11-25
Jason Hendry		2022-11-22
Rev David Arthur Sherratt		2022-11-22
Susan Funnel		2025-11-25
Victor Lambert		2024-11-26

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# Accounts

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# Abbey Wood

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## Chair’s Report 2025

Welcome, everyone, to our Annual General Meeting 2025.

It has been a busy year as per usual.

Our private hiring of the centre during 2025 went well, with only a few cancellations and gaps, we hired out on Saturdays 41 Times this year We have now started to receive many more bookings for 2026.

We have lost a couple of regular groups in 2025; Bingo has dropped to only one day a week and U3A has stopped their poetry group. However, we have gained five new regular weekly groups, Enable (a SEN nutrition and fitness group for young adults), Company of Christ (a bible study group), A sewing group, Yoga class and a local weekly craft group. DDM, Guy’s and St Thomas’s, Enable, and GCDA have all booked additional sessions well into next year 2026.

The ongoing GCDA classes provide free five-week Cookery courses for Greenwich residents. They have consistently renewed their bookings with us and have sessions booked through Spring 2026. The classes which prove very popular, help residents to make economical meals in the current economic circumstances.

We have started to host the regular local Police panel. These meetings provide a space for residents to express their concerns and hear about Police initiatives and plans for the area. We have had quite a bit of interaction with the local Police the past year, with these meetings and their use of our external CCTV camera footage.

[www.abbeywoodcommunitygroup.org](http://www.abbeywoodcommunitygroup.org)



@awcgthefirst

We are still offering the centre as a warm space offering tea, coffee, toasties, and warmth during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Our Tuesday morning ‘Lunch Club’ still proves to be popular, and although the ‘Pop in’ on a Thursday morning has formally stopped, we have emphasised that we find a warm space and a cup of tea for all those who wish to attend on an ad hoc basis.

In January we held our annual panto for the youngsters. It was Little Red Riding Hood. Everyone had good time, and we gave everyone who attended some chocolate.

In August 2025, we arranged a Coach Trip to Ramsgate which we subsidised, only asking for £16 a ticket, £15 (plus a £1.00 to pay for the Driver’s tip); a coachload of 34 arrived in Ramsgate the weather was warm and sunny, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Ramsgate has a fantastic mix of things to do and proved a popular choice.

This May we held a party in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. Entertainment was provided by way of a local singer who sang a selection of popular songs, we had finger food, and drinks, and a display of wartime stories, documents and pictures was on show. Many thanks to Asda who supplied some of the items needed.

Since the summer we have been working our way around the centre giving areas a new lick of paint, concentrating on areas that are prone to chips and scratches. This work is ongoing but is giving the centre a bit of a facelift. We have also had new taps installed, updating some of them to the push button temporary type.

We have recently installed some party lights in the main hall, offering groups and Saturday hirers an easy way to decorate and create atmosphere during their events.

We were kindly donated a floor cleaner by Alexander McLeod Primary School which has made the task of cleaning the Large Hall floor area a bit easier.

The update on the old post office building is that the initial main structural construction was completed earlier in the year and then it went quiet. We are of the understanding that the developers have bought the toilet block and as such have changed their plans. This means they have applied for new planning permission. This delay is somewhat frustrating as the construction has not left our external space in the best of conditions. We have managed after some effort to contact the owner directly who has promised to address our concerns. Yet though this hasn’t happened.

In very sad news we have lost one of our friends and much valued past member of staff this year. Grace Appiah passed away in September, she had worked here for 7 years. She will be sadly missed.

Thank you all for attending, I hope that 2026 will prove to be a great year from the community centre.

Please stay and enjoy a drink and nibbles after we complete the election Officers and Committee Members and finish the meeting.

Jane Hall - AWCG Chair – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

# Abbey Wood Community Group

## Statement of Account for the 2024/2025 Financial Year

<u>Income</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>
Balance of Account at 31/03/2024	77,074.35	Wages (incl. PAYE, N.I. & Pensions)	58,658.15
Weekly and Monthly Hire	27,266.95	Gas including Servicing/Repair	2,234.37
Weekend Hire	29,680.00	Electricity	4,411.45
Photocopies, Printing and Laminations	140.00	Water	1,223.41
Royal Borough of Greenwich Funding	30,000.00	Telephone, Broadband, Websites & Office 365	1,255.41
Fundraising:	456.25	Insurance	1,162.84
Table Sales	164.00	Stationery	499.07
Coach Trip Raffle	32.00	Cleaning and materials	551.99
Christmas Raffle	85.00	Veolia Rubbish Collection	1,090.08
Lunch Club	175.25	Cathedral Hygiene Sanibins Annual	311.90
Donations:	146.28	Fire Extinguishers servicing & replacement	141.00
Pop-In	65.50	Michael Adamson Accountants 2022/2023	300.00
Other	80.78	PPL/PRS Annual Fee	408.40
Coach Ticket Sales	1,515.00	Electric Cooker for Small Hall	469.00
Asda Grant	1,000.00	2x Hand Dryers for Toilets	159.99
Co Op Grant (Prize Winner)	5,000.00	3x Floor Mats	120.97
Co Op Grant	500.00	Building Signs	60.60
Chair Hire	30.00	C02 Alarms x 6	55.18
Business Creative Grant	50.00	Two Coach Hires	1,800.00
Amazon Refunds	34.69	Rah Rah Pantomime	250.00
		Sundries for Entertainments & AGM	343.47
		Handheld Office Hoover	29.98
		Office Printer	137.39
		Replacement Cleaner	200.00
		Printer Service	66.00
		Boiler Call Out Charge	144.00
		Supply and Install 2 Heaters and Lighting	535.00
		Alarm System Service & call-out	150.00
		Refunds of Cancelled Hire fees and Returnable Deposits	10,025.50
		Various Small Maintenance	453.31
		Various Small items of Equipment	234.06
		RBG Annual Parking Permit	112.32
		Miscellaneous	255.65
		Balance as at 31/03/2025	85,043.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172,893.52</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172,893.52</b>
		Reserves for 2025/2026	50,000.00

I have carried out an Independent Examination of the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act and followed procedures laid down under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, I am fully satisfied that the accounts comply with the Act.

Signed   
Nim Bhadare

Dated 18/11/2025

Carmel Britto  
AWCG Treasurer  
May 2025

This is the document marked "page 3" referred to in the "Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts"



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Abbey Wood Community Group

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

289843

Set out on pages

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**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 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/11/2025

Name:

NIRVAL BHATIA

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR

**ABBEY WOOD COMMUNITY GROUP**

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# Accounts

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# Abbey Wood



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## Chair’s Report 2024

Welcome, everyone, to our Annual General Meeting 2024.

It has been a busy year as per usual. Our new member of staff John Coulter who joined us in January 2024 has been here nearly a year and is a great asset to the Community Centre.

Our private hiring of the centre during 2024 went well, with only a few cancellations and gaps, we hired out on Saturdays 41 Times this year We have now started to receive a few bookings for 2025, January Is Full. We have lost two regular groups in 2024 Carla Joy Yoga and St Johns, but have gained Four new regular weekly groups, Fibromyalgia Support group, Sho Jujitsu, Thrive Tribe, Guys weight Management and a monthly craft class. The Cheer Leading Group joined us for a few weeks and left to find more suitable premises. Thrive Tribe has also booked additional sessions for next year 2025.

In August 2024, we arranged a Coach Trip to Eastbourne which we subsidised, only asking for £16 a ticket to pay for the Driver’s tip; a coachload of 34 arrived in Eastbourne the weather wasn’t great but still think everyone had a great time, we are thinking of maybe doing a different kind of trip next year, away from the seaside.

In December 2023 during the Christmas shutdown, we had the whole kitchen area fitted in the large hall as the old one was tired. We were able to do this thankfully by a grant from the National lottery. This work was done during the closure, to minimise disruption to the groups. We have also had fitted by John a new side gate as our old one was warped and not closing properly.

We were also successful in a grant from warm spaces enabling us to offer the centre as a warm space offering tea, coffee, toasties, and warmth during the cost-of-living crisis. Sadly, when we applied again, we didn’t get the funding, but we will continue to offer refreshments.

We are Having a Christmas Party in Dec 2024 for our senior hall users and will provide some entertainment by way of a local singer who will sing Christmas songs and have finger food, mulled wine and mince pies. Asda’s have offered to supply some of the items needed.

Our annual free Children’s Pantomime, Beauty and The Beast, will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025, tickets are available from the Office.

We have partnered with GCDA to provide free five-week Cookery courses for Greenwich residents as we did in 2024. They are still with us and have sessions booked up until Autumn 2025, to help residents to make economical meals in the current economic circumstances.

The update on the old post office building is that the demolition was completed earlier in the year and then it went quiet until recently then the construction seems to have begun. They put hoarding up around our garden and have promised a new fence. There was an incident in the garden where some of our garden was disturbed by the diggers. The manager did apologise and put it right the next day as a temporary fix , he said they will be back when the retaining wall has been built to concrete the slabs and provide new plants , he said this will be December 24-January 25.

Thank you all for attending, I hope that 2025 will prove to be a great year from the community centre.

Please stay and enjoy a drink and nibbles after we complete the election of Committee Members and finish the meeting.

Jane Hall - AWCG Chair - November 2024

# Abbey Wood Community Group

## Statement of Account for the 2023/2024 Financial Year

<u>Income</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>
Balance of Account at 31/03/2023	81,461.48	Wages (incl. PAYE, N.I. & Pensions)	60,371.98
Weekly and Monthly Hire	23,097.20	Gas including Servicing/Repair	4,616.67
Weekend Hire	22,777.00	Electricity	5,923.04
Photocopies, Printing and Laminations	136.29	Water	1,050.12
Royal Borough of Greenwich Funding	30,000.00	Telephone, Broadband, Websites & Office 365	946.10
RBG Warm Spaces Grant	3,000.00	Insurance	1,267.86
Fundraising:	160.75	Stationery	427.78
Table Sales	65.75	Cleaning and materials	360.36
Coach Trip Raffle	95.00	Veolia Rubbish Collection	1,471.44
Donations:	148.39	Cathedral Hygiene Sanibins Annual	311.90
Amazon Smile	24.14	Fire Extinguishers servicing & replacement	93.00
Pop-In	84.65	Michael Adamson Accountants 2022/2023	288.00
Other	39.60	PPL/PRS Annual Fee	603.14
Coach Ticket Sales	1,248.00	New Bar Area in Large Hall Installation	3,161.00
Tesco Groundwork Grant	500.00	New Bar Area in Large Hall Materials	1,285.90
Co Op Grant	1,282.58	New Blinds Large Hall	150.00
National Lottery Grant	6,000.00	New Tables	95.00
Table Hire	97.50	Table Trolley	255.87
Peabody Compensation	200.00	Two Coach Hires	1,550.00
Amazon Refunds	113.62	Tickled Pink Pantomime	312.00
Wickes Refund	15.51	Entertainer for Afternoon Tea	150.00
Scuutum Refund	216.00	Sundries for Entertainments & AGM	436.32
Credit Error Refunds	1,561.51	Cannisters for Warm Space	50.00
Opus Energy Refund	1,327.73	Gate Repair Materials	148.75
Retained Deposits	600.00	Replacement Ladies Toilet	265.00
Plusnet Refund	1.21	Floor Repair	450.00
		Door Repair (Refunded)	216.00
		Front door Repair	222.00
		Shutter Service	198.00
		Volunteer Expenses	180.50
		Alarm System Service & call-out	150.00
		Refunds of Cancelled Hire fees and Returnable	
		Deposits	5,780.00
		DBS fee	78.00
		Various Small Maintenance	714.00
		Various Small items of Equipment	162.48
		RBG Annual Parking Permit	112.32
		Miscellaneous	1,454.89
		Credit Errors	1,561.00
		Balance as at 31/03/2024	<b>77,074.35</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173,944.77</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>173,944.77</b>

I have carried out an Independent Examination of the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act and followed procedures laid down under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, I am fully satisfied that the accounts comply with the Act.

Signed .....  
Nim Bhadare

Dated 12/11/2024

Carmel Britto  
AWCG Treasurer  
May 2024

Reserves for 2024/2025 50,000.00

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Address:

Abbey Wood Station Minicabs Ltd
18 Nilton Rd
Abbey Wood SE2 9RH

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

**ABBAY WOOD COMMUNITY GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 289843

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# Accounts

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## Abbey Wood Community Group

### Bank Details

Account Name: Abbey Wood Community Group  
Account Number: 10100668  
Sort Code: 20-98-57  
Bank: Barclays Plc

Please use the name of your group or the date of your hire as a reference when making payment

# Abbey Wood Community Group

## Statement of Account for the 2022/2023 Financial Year

<u>Income</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>
Balance of Account at 31/03/2022	90,321.52	Wages (incl. PAYE, N.I. & Pensions)	57,034.30
Weekly and Monthly Hire	17,017.25	Gas including Servicing/Repair	1,141.82
Weekend Hire	20,940.00	Electricity	2,005.49
Photocopies, Printing and Laminations	103.96	Water	1,050.12
Royal Borough of Greenwich Funding	30,000.00	Telephone & Broadband	498.56
RBG Warm Spaces Grant	3,000.00	Insurance	1,057.85
Fundraising:	661.42	Stationery	312.84
Lunch Club	213.42	Cleaning and materials	427.13
Table Sales	203.00	Veolia Rubbish Collection	1,838.32
Easter Raffle	45.00	Cathedral Hygiene Sanibins Annual	311.90
Coach Trip Raffle	111.00	Fire Extinguishers servicing & replacement	249.72
Christmas Raffle	89.00	Michael Adamson Accountants 2022/2023	264.00
Donations:	117.65	PPL/PRS Annual Fee	139.20
Amazon Smile	13.48	Repainting Inside of Building	3,780.00
Pop-In	92.17	Security Lighting Equipment and Installation	170.00
Other	12.00	Large Hall Fire Door Repair	140.00
Coach Ticket Sales	1,201.00	Electrical Safety Checks & Certificates	360.00
Refund from Rentokil	68.08	Two Coach Hires	1,440.00
Barclay's Complaint Compensation	25.00	Tickled Pink Pantomime	228.00
		Entertainer for Afternoon Tea	165.00
		Sundries for Entertainments & AGM	974.43
		Vacuum Cleaner	99.99
		Outside Notice Board	258.00
		HP Laptop	719.00
		Hand Dryer	50.00
		Replacement Mats	82.97
		Volunteer Expenses	272.00
		Alarm System Service & call-out	252.00
		Websites .org & .co.uk yearly fees	200.16
		Office 365 Annual Subscription	73.44
		Refunds of cancelled Hire fees and Returnable	
		Deposits	4,970.00
		DBS fee	75.00
		Various Small Maintenance	427.00
		Various Small items of Equipment	162.48
		Various Gifts and Flowers	530.41
		RBG Annual Parking Permit	112.32
		Miscellaneous	120.95
		Balance as at 31/03/2023	<b>81,461.48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163,455.88</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163,455.88</b>
Carmel Britto AWCG Treasurer July 2023		Reserves for 2023/2024	50,000.00

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Dated .....  
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Signed:

Date:

14/11/23

Name:

N. Bhadare

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

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# Accounts

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed:

Date:

9/11/22

Name:

N. Stone

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

MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

**ABBAY WOOD COMMUNITY GROUP**

England & Wales - Charity number 289843

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# Accounts

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Registered Charity No: 289843

## Chair’s Report 2021

Welcome, everyone, to our first in-person Annual General Meeting since September 2019; our AGM, scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, having to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

In the past 20 months since the first lockdown in March 2020 the Community Centre has faced considerable challenges and my sincere thanks go to the Staff, Committee, Volunteers and all our users and supporters who have contributed to keeping us going as well as to the Royal Borough of Greenwich who continue to provide vital funding support.

Having had to experience several closures since that first lockdown, as well as continuing restrictions on numbers allowed to gather inside once we were allowed to reopen, we were unable to hire out the venue at full capacity until July 2021 and, consequently, lost a lot of potential income from private hire on Saturdays. Currently, we have a 75% return of our regular groups and we expect the remaining 25% to be returning in January but we have obviously had a loss of weekly revenue as well due to the reduction in groups using the Community Centre; we have, though, had a Saturday hire on every weekend since August 2021, with several already booked for 2022.

Following our several enforced closures, we furloughed three of our four staff (the Manager remained working to deal with day-to-day operations, enquiries, zoom meetings and building checks) and so were able to claim the Government’s Job Retention scheme grant for them as well as being able to claim the Business Rates Grant administered by Royal Greenwich; both helped enormously in covering the shortfall in our Income over the closure periods which lasted until 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Waste disposal was put on hold during the closures and Utility costs were greatly reduced due to the building being empty. Despite enforced closure, all of our Fire Safety Equipment, Fires, Boiler, Alarm and

Automatic Door still had their annual service. Having waited for a year to receive a decision from our Insurers over our Business Interruption claim, we were finally paid out for this (after much negotiation) in March 2021.

In August 2021, as a thank you to our regular users and to cheer people up after a miserable year, we arranged a Coach Trip to Hastings which we funded, only asking for £1 a ticket to pay for the Driver’s tip; a coachload of 53 arrived in Hastings to a wonderful sunny day and everyone had a great time.

In September 2021, we finally managed to arrange the repainting of the outside of the building (a project which we had been planning and budgeted for since 2019) and the resulting look makes the building much more noticeable and attractive.

We held our annual free Seniors and friends Entertainment in October 2021, ‘Around the World in 60 Minutes’, performed by Tickled Pink to over 50 attendees with food, drink, singing and dancing, a good time was had by all.

Our annual free Children’s Pantomime, Cinderella, will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021, tickets are available from the Office; we also have a Christmas Raffle available at £1 a strip with many Christmassy prizes.

We have partnered with GCDA to provide two free five-week Cookery courses for Greenwich residents in September/October 2021 and November/December 2021 and hope to be able to welcome them back in the New Year.

We have also partnered with Greenwich Dance/This Girl Can to offer a new Dance Exercise class for over 16s until July 2022 and are also planning on partnering with Greenwich Dance in the New Year to deliver further projects.

As Crossrail is finally anticipated to be up and running in the New Year, we will wait to see what impact this has on us and if changes and challenges arise. We are also still waiting for information from the purchaser of the old Post Office as to when they expect to start with the replacement five-storey building that they have been given planning permission for; the building will abut the Community Centre and will impact on the light reaching the back of our building and we also expect considerable noise and nuisance from the building works.

Thank you all for attending, I hope that 2022 will prove to be better for us all and hope that we do not have to endure further restrictions due to Covid-19. Please stay and enjoy a drink and nibbles after we complete the election of Committee Members and finish the meeting.

Jane Hall - AWCG Chair - December 2021

# Abbey Wood Community Group

## Statement of Account for the 2020/2021 Financial Year

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Balance of Account at 31/03/2020	72,995.50	Wages (incl. PAYE, N.I. & Pensions)	49,158.35
Weekly and Monthly Hire	2,009.00	Gas including Servicing/Repair	682.97
Weekend Hire	740.00	Electricity	471.21
Photocopies, Printing and Laminations	0.00	Water	879.84
Royal Borough of Greenwich - Community Building Funding Agreement	30,000.00	Telephone & Broadband	547.20
Amazon Smile Donations	12.50	Insurance	928.02
Fundraising	25.40	Stationery	33.98
Uncashed Cheque from July 2020	580.00	Cleaning and materials	48.84
HMRC Job Retention Grants	20,650.64	Veolia Rubbish Collection	656.13
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**I have carried out an Independent Examination of the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act and followed procedures laid down under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, I am fully satisfied that the accounts comply with the Act.**

Signed .....  
Nim Bhadare

Dated 23/11/2021

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Doris Grimsley  
AWCG Treasurer  
13th May 2021

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of **Abbey Wood Community Group**

On accounts for the year ended **31<sup>st</sup> March 2021** Charity no (if any) **289843**

Set out on pages **1, 2 & 3**

**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 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:  Date: **23/11/2021**

Name: **N. SHARPE**

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): **DIRE-UK**

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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