

# Abbey Wood Community Group



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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

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

<u>Income</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£ Stg</u>
Balance of Account at 31/03/2020	72,995.50	Wages (incl. PAYE, N.I. & Pensions)	49,158.35
		Gas including Servicing/Repair	682.97
Weekly and Monthly Hire	2,009.00	Electricity	471.21
Weekend Hire	740.00	Water	879.84
Photocopies, Printing and Laminations	0.00	Telephone & Broadband	547.20
Royal Borough of Greenwich -		Insurance	928.02
Community Building Funding Agreement	30,000.00	Stationery	33.98
Amazon Smile Donations	12.50	Cleaning and materials	48.84
Fundraising	25.40	Veolia Rubbish Collection	656.13
Uncashed Cheque from July 2020	580.00	Fire Extinguishers servicing & replacement	70.20
HMRC Job Retention Grants	20,650.64	Michael Adamson Accountants 2020/2021	264.00
RBG Business Grants	21,584.72	Various small Maintenance	568.00
Insurance Claim for Loss of Revenue	15,637.90	Various small items of equipment	475.37
		Alarm System Service	126.00
		Websites yearly fees	109.52
		Office 365 Annual Subscription	57.60
		Refunded Hire Fees - due Covid closures	1,685.00
		Miscellaneous	166.90
		3 Access Ramps	296.04
		Engraved Pens	124.19

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

Balance as at 31/03/2021 **106,886.30**

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Doris Grimsley  
AWCG Treasurer  
13th May 2021

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Anticipated cost of Planned Projects 5,000.00

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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:

23/11/2024

Name:

N. BHARGAVA

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

DIRECTOR

Address:

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ASTLEY WOOD

SE2 9RH

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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