

# 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.

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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     |
|                                       |              | Insurance                                     | 1,162.84     |
| Fundraising:                          | 456.25       | Stationery                                    | 499.07       |
| Table Sales                           | 164.00       | Cleaning and materials                        | 551.99       |
| Coach Trip Raffle                     | 32.00        | Veolia Rubbish Collection                     | 1,090.08     |
| Christmas Raffle                      | 85.00        | Cathedral Hygiene Sanibins Annual             | 311.90       |
| Lunch Club                            | 175.25       | Fire Extinguishers servicing & replacement    | 141.00       |
| Donations:                            | 146.28       | Michael Adamson Accountants 2022/2023         | 300.00       |
| Pop-In                                | 65.50        | PPL/PRS Annual Fee                            | 408.40       |
| Other                                 | 80.78        | Electric Cooker for Small Hall                | 469.00       |
| Coach Ticket Sales                    | 1,515.00     | 2x Hand Dryers for Toilets                    | 159.99       |
| Asda Grant                            | 1,000.00     | 3x Floor Mats                                 | 120.97       |
| Co Op Grant (Prize Winner)            | 5,000.00     | Building Signs                                | 60.60        |
| Co Op Grant                           | 500.00       | C02 Alarms x 6                                | 55.18        |
| Chair Hire                            | 30.00        | Two Coach Hires                               | 1,800.00     |
| Business Creative Grant               | 50.00        | Rah Rah Pantomime                             | 250.00       |
| Amazon Refunds                        | 34.69        | 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**


**TOTAL 172,893.52**

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Reserves for 2025/2026 **50,000.00**

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

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





## 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:

NIRVAN BHATIA

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR