

Registration Charity No. 301241 (England and Wales)

WICKFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

WICKFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honorary Officers	Don Morris (Chairman) Chris Adams (Hon. Secretary) Alex Myers (Treasurer) Kevin major (Vice-Chariman) - Resigned
Registered Charity Number	301241
Independent Examiner	Berkeley Townsend Chartered Accountants Hunter House 150 Hutton Road Shenfield Essex CM15 8NL
Principal Office Address	The Nevendon Centre Nevendon Road Wickford Essex SS12 0QG

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REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Management Committee present their annual report with the financial statements of Wickford Community Association (the Association) for the year ended 31 March 2025, and confirm they comply with the duty in section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee are appointed by vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee consist of the Honorary Officers and representatives of full members and relevant groups.

The organisational structure of the Association is one in which the Management Committee make the decisions, which are then executed by the Honorary Officers. Members can approach Honorary Officers with ideas that, if necessary, will be voted on by the Management Committee.

The governing document of the charity is the constitution of the Wickford Community Association. The Association has unincorporated status.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Association are to:

- a) Promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Wickford and the neighbourhood without the distinction of sex, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of the social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) Establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.
- c) Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A review of the operations of the Association during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows:

The Association continues to provide facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Wickford and surrounding areas in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure. The Association provides its members access to a diverse range of recreational activities including bowls, dancing, sports activity and all. All of these activities have continued from the previous year and plan to continue for the forthcoming year.

There is also a bar area at the Nevendon Centre for its members. The bar area is run by the Associations related party Centre Cafe Ltd. In addition, there is an on site pre-school, which is run by a third party and produces a source of income for the Association.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Association has surplus funds of £120,935 to carry forward as at 31st March 2025 (2024- £118,964). These reserves are to be used for future fund raising activities and contingencies that may arise. The policy for holding reserves is to ensure sufficient cover for future expenditure of at least two times annual expenditure.

The covid pandemic and the increased cost of living continue to negatively impact the activities of the Association. The management committee have considered the viability of the charity in relation to its going concern. The management committee feel that, having reviewed the monthly management accounts since March 2025 and by preparing cashflow forecasts that, at the date of signing the accounts, the Association has sufficient reserves to continue as a going concern.

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RELATED PARTY

The Association has a related party in Centre Cafe Ltd, a company which receives income from operating a bar and from gaming machines located on the premises. Please refer to note 7 in the accounts.

Centre Cafe Ltd has also found it difficult to recover from the pandemic and is showing a deficit position on its balance sheet at the reporting year end date. The Association is working closely with the related party and reviews monthly management accounts of Centre Cafe Ltd. It believes the company still has a viable business and as such will continue to financially support the business.

The Association also has a related party in WCA Property Limited. There were no transactions between the Association and this company during the year. WCA Property Limited holds the lease of the premise on behalf of the Association.

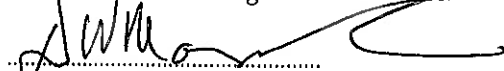
STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

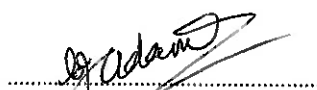
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each year which give an accurate view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Management Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles recommended by the Charities Commission
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the management Committee:


Don Morris (Chairman)


Chris Adams (Hon. Secretary)

9 October 2025

WICKFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
CHARITY NO.301241
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

I report to the management committee on my examination of the accounts of the Wickford Community Association for the year ended ended 31 March 2025 set out on pages 4 to 8

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity management committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 9 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources			
Charitable activities		154,914	131,061
Generated funds		24,845	24,190
Other incoming resources		6,000	6,000
Total incoming resources		<u>185,759</u>	<u>161,251</u>
Resources expended			
Costs of generating funds		(177,938)	(188,446)
Governance costs		(5,850)	(5,820)
Total resources expended		<u>(183,788)</u>	<u>(194,266)</u>
Net movement in funds for the year	5	<u>1,971</u>	<u>(33,015)</u>

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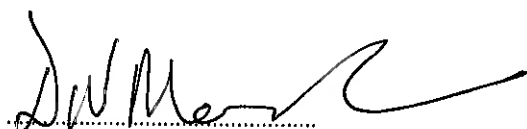
BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

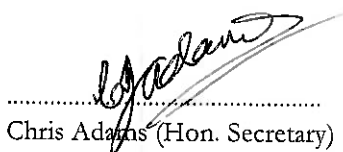
	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		9,403		11,727
Current assets					
Debtors	3	110,235		102,136	
Cash at bank and in hand		7,211		11,527	
		<u>117,446</u>		<u>113,663</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(5,914)		(6,426)	
Net current assets			<u>111,532</u>		<u>107,237</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>120,935</u>		<u>118,964</u>
Fund of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	5		120,935		118,964
Total funds			<u>120,935</u>		<u>118,964</u>

These financial statements have been reviewed by the Management Committee and are agreed as being in accordance with the source documents.

Approved by the Committee for issue on 9 October 2025



Don Morris (Chairman)



Chris Adams (Hon. Secretary)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The Financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as the Wickford Community Association is a non-company and has gross income of less than £250,000 during the financial year.

1.2 Turnover

Incoming resources in respect of provision of goods or services are accounted for when received.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Refurbishment	33.33% reducing balance per annum
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% reducing balance per annum

1.4 Taxation

The Association is exempt from Corporation Tax by virtue of it being a Registered Charity in England and Wales.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Refurbishme nt	Plant and machinery etc	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	24,813	25,946	50,759
Additions	-	1,171	1,171
At 31 March 2025	24,813	27,117	51,930
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	18,040	20,991	39,031
Charge for the year	2,257	1,239	3,496
At 31 March 2025	20,297	22,230	42,527
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	4,516	4,887	9,403
At 31 March 2024	6,772	4,955	11,727

3 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts owed by related party	106,296	94,789
Other debtors	3,939	7,347
	110,235	102,136

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	2,326	2,702
Other creditors	3,588	3,724
	5,914	6,426

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Unrestricted funds

	Funds £
Total funds brought forward	118,964
Net incoming resources for the period	1,971
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Total funds carried forward	120,935
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6 Trustee expenses

Expenses incurred by the trustees for general business administration costs are reimbursed. These expenses total £615 for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024 - £nil) and two trustee were involved.

7 Related party transactions

During the year the charity received £6,000 as rental income (£6,000 - 2024) and £4,725 for the cost of hall hire (£nil - 2024) from a related party Centre Cafe Ltd, a company under common control.

At the end of the reporting end date Centre Cafe Ltd owed the charity £106,296 (£94,789 - 2024)