



Braintree COMMUNITY CENTRE

Chairmans Report 2024-25

I am delighted that The Centre has continued the momentum of 2023-24 into 2024-2025

We have maintained our classes offering art/ calligraphy/yoga/pilates / dance /Italian/German/Spanish & 8 week courses of BSL---the latter being in great demand . We now have a second art tutor offering Friday & Saturday workshops These workshops are thriving ... running at maximum capacity of 24 with an extensive wait list . Our 8 week Patchwork and Quilting workshops are well attended and our Monday & Wednesday salsa classes are much enjoyed.

We have regular hirers meeting weekly or monthly—Creative Sewing/Cake decorating /Rethink/Al Anon Parkinsons/Dolphin WI/Braintree Organic and I thank them for their continuing support. Rooms 3 -7 upstairs continue to be used regularly for counselling services funded by CAMHS and NELFT . We also have an increasing number of private counsellors hiring our rooms . This provides a regular income giving us a sound financial base.

Our link with the Ukrainian families has strengthened and the sessions have been extended from 2 hrs to 4 hrs meeting on Saturday afternoons working in partnership with Braintree District Council to deliver this service .

There has been an increase in the number of bookings for parties/celebration events at the weekend and many compliments have been received about our facilities.

Our hire charges /class attendee fees have remained stable to date enabling us pay the increase in heating bills etc and honour increases in the minimum wage for our staff However we will have to review the position in 2025-26

We could not be as good as we are without our Admin Team working together to ensure our office is well run and The Centre is welcoming.....our volunteers giving freely of their time.and above all our tutors and attendees .Everyone working together putting the Community into The Centre.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you all .

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Registered Charity Number: 301261

BRAINTREE & BOCKING COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

19-21 Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9AH
Registered Charity No. 301261

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>				
Room Lets	63,790		44,597	
Course Fees	<u>67,050</u>	130,840	<u>45,403</u>	90,000
<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>				
Premise Costs	37,513		36,709	
Staff Costs	43,574		38,730	
Tutors	35,341		27,510	
Trade Fees & Insurance	412		4,610	
Office Costs inc telephone	4,020		3,733	
Consumables	969		116	
Marketing	0		188	
Professional Fees	360		176	
Welfare & Safety	2,182		3,119	
Card Payment Fees	1,379		1,313	
Depreciation of Equipment	<u>753</u>	<u>126,502</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>117,209</u>
Net Surplus / Deficit		4,338		-27,209
Interest Received		<u>29</u>		<u>75</u>
Total Surplus / Deficit		<u>4,366</u>		<u>-27,134</u>

Notes:

Depreciation of Assets:

All Equipment and Fixtures & Fittings are written down 25% per year on the reducing balance.

The Accounts were prepared by Gillian Skinner



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Braintree & Bocking Community Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

301261

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed: Gillian Skinner

Date: 15 January 2026

Name: Gillian Skinner

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

Accountant

Address: c/o 19-21 Bocking End, Braintree, Essex, CM7 9AE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.