

LITTLEWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Littleworth Community Association

Registered Number: 522722

Charity's Principal Address: Littleworth Community Centre
St Thomas Street, Littleworth
Stafford

All correspondence to: 22 Gladstone Way
Stafford ST16 3JT

Bankers: The Co-operative Bank
42 Greengate Street
Stafford, ST16 2BU

Independent Examiner: Tim Herriot Enterprises
15 Briarsleigh, Stafford, ST17 4QF

Trustees who managed the Charity (2024-2025):

Robert Perkin	President	Will Chesters
David Collins	Vice President	Val Lambert
Geoffrey Biggin	Hon Secretary	Kevin Miller
Hazel Biggin	Hon Treasurer	Harry Reilly
Darren Chesters		Lila White

Section 2: Structure, Governance and Management

Littleworth Community Association is an Unincorporated Association, governed by its constitution which was created in 1954 and last amended on 7th April 1997. The Management Committee is made up of annually elected Trustees.

Section 3: Objectives and Activities

The main aims and activities of the Association are to promote the well-being of the community and foster a community spirit in the neighbourhood, and to establish, maintain and manage a community centre for activities promoted by the Association.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that all our activities meet this standard.

Main Activities and Achievements during the year

Increased Use of the Centre

The Centre continues to be well used throughout the year. The flexibility of space and plentiful car parking spaces attracts a variety of activities. The Centre provides not only a venue to meet socially

but also a facility for activities which encourage both physical and mental well-being for older people as well as hosting support groups for young families and parent of children with special needs. We have received enquiries from several children's groups resulting in a regular hiring by a messy babies play group, a one-off hiring from Dragonflies Dance School with the possibility of further sessions and a baby sensory group from Stone. These new groups provide a welcome addition to the well-established Little Unicorns Stay & Play group and the Autistic Playgroup. To increase our diversity, there is now a Buddhist meditation group using the Centre, together with our regular Muslim and Christian groups. There are a total of 12 regular groups which provide the main income stream for the Centre. Some of these groups have been hiring the Centre for many years. We have also seen new users coming on a regular basis. It is encouraging to see that the Centre is in use seven days a week with only a few half day slots available for new activities. The hall also continues to be a popular venue for children's birthday parties at weekends and we have again seen an increase in income from £2260 last year to £3587 this year. Our Facebook page continues to generate enquiries.

Beneficial Expenditure

The main expenditure has been on utilities, insurance and general costs incurred in the running and maintenance of the building.

To enhance the appearance of the car park area we have purchased a number of flowering shrubs which have been planted in the border alongside the car park. In addition to enhancing the appearance of the outside space these shrubs will be invaluable in attracting bees and other pollinating insects.

Thanks to regular maintenance of the building and the efforts of our part-time Cleaner/Caretaker, all sections and hall users are able to enjoy their activities in clean, warm, attractive facilities as we continue to provide for the community we serve.

Section 3: Financial Review

Our principal source of fundraising is through members' entrance fees and hiring fees from other groups using the Centre.

A budget analysis of income and expenditure last year enabled the committee to determine there was no need to increase hiring fees for regular hirers in the current financial year. There has been a small increase in one-off hiring fees.

Section 4: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signature:



Full name Robert Norman Perkin

Position Chairman of Trustees

Date: 19th May 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

On accounts for the year
ended

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Name:

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

LITTLEWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Receipts and Payments Account 31st March 2025

2024	GENERAL	2025	
1305.04	Investment Interest	595.16	
14057.75	Hire of Hall Regulars	15866.55	
2260.50	Hire of Hall Birthday Parties	3587.00	
2223.00	Other General Hirings	1847.00	
			21895.71
20000.00	Miscellaneous	150.00	
39846.29			<u>22045.71</u>

SECTIONS

1733.00	Bingo	1556.00	
1047.89	Bingo Refreshments	1084.00	
518.00	Littleworth Singers	427.00	
744.76	Indoor Bowls	682.96	
769.00	Senior Citizens	0.00	
4812.65		<u>3749.96</u>	<u>25795.67</u>
	44658.94		

PAYMENTS

5921.00	Caretaker/Cleaner	6465.00	
720.01	Electricity	1027.29	
2294.33	Gas	3035.73	
2208.83	Insurance	2316.98	
3806.15	Maintenance	2747.72	
335.95	Miscellaneous	371.53	
463.24	PRS Licence	326.63	
17.98	Admin		
1098.86	Water	1227.42	
565.54	BT	637.92	
716.33	Refreshments	831.27	
60.00	Donations		
39635.45	Capital Exp	914.73	
57843.67			19902.22

-13184.73 Deficit

Surplus

5893.45

LITTLEWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Assets as at 31st March 2025

2024	INVESTMENTS	2025
20000.00	Nat Savings Certificates	20595.16
BANK BALANCES		
57115.44	Co-op Bank Current Acct	62247.73
0.00	Unpresented Cheques	166.00
<u>77115.44</u>		<u>83008.89</u>
90300.17	Fund brought forward	77115.44
13184.73	Deficit/Surplus	5893.45
<u>77115.44</u>		<u>83008.89</u>

Treasurer: *H Begg*

Date: *31st March 2025*