COMMUNITY HALLS IN PARTNERSHIP

Charity number 1163728

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

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TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026.

1. Legal and Administrative information

Governing document

Date of constitution (last amended):
11.5.15

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the CIO are:

(A) To further or benefit the residents of the communities in which we operate within the boundaries of Colchester City and Essex, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to:

(B) To establish or secure community facilities and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority, voluntary and other organisations in the maintenance and management of such a facility for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of these objects
The organisation shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008].

Specific investment powers

In furtherance of the said objects, but not otherwise, the Association shall have power to invest money not immediately required for its objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as the Association may think fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being be imposed by law.

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TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Registered Office

The principal office of the CIO is:

Hythe Community Centre
1 Ventura Drive, Colchester, Essex, CO1 2FG, England

Charity number
1163728

Professional advisers

- **Bankers:**

Barclays Bank PLC, 9 High Street, Colchester.
United Trust Bank, 1 Ropemaker St, London

- **Accountancy services:**

Community360, Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester.

- **Solicitors:**

Ellison & Co, Headgate Court, Head Street, Colchester.

- **Independent examiner:**

Community360, Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester.

Trustees and Governance

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Chairman
Angus Kerr

Treasurer
Anita Gregory

Other Trustees
Bryan Morrissey (resigned 17th September 2025)
Lee Scordis
Stephen Lee
Andrew Merz

Name of person entitled to appoint any charity trustee: All trustees

Trustee selection method

- Recommendation
- Interview
- Discuss & vote
- Statement & declaration
- Induction

2. Activities and Achievements

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future services. Our focus remains to provide low cost or free recreational, healthy and educational activities for the community we serve. This includes Music Academies and dance for young people, community fun events and family learning programmes which are imperative for improving social cohesion in an area currently under extensive regeneration. The centre offers low cost or free of charge hall hire to groups that offer public benefit, for example, toddler group, fitness classes, addiction support groups, local resident meetings and educational activities. Hope Church Colchester is currently based at the centre who provide many services to the community in addition to the centre's own programme. We also accommodate HCRG/CAMHS who offer mental health services to young people.

We offer low cost hiring space to all of our residents, volunteers and to local charities, whilst at the same time, ensuring the future financial sustainability of the Community Centre.

Achievements include:

Run and monitor a Youth Club to local children aged 11 years and older. This has been a great success and is supported both by Essex Youth Services and Essex Boys and Girls Clubs. We have received funding from one of our local councillors to support the club and ensure its sustainability for the coming year. The Youth Club runs every Friday evening, term time 6pm-8pm and we have approximately 30 children attend each week and, on average, 7 local volunteers overseeing the club each week.

We held our Summer Fun Day in August 2025 which was very well attended and Christmas Fair which were both free to our local community. All children visited Santa and received a free gift along with free refreshments. Approximately 200 people attended the Dummer Fair and 120 people attended the Christmas Fair. Thank you to our local councillors for supporting both of these events.

We joined up with Essex Pedal Power with funding through The Active Essex Wellbeing Society to offer local residents an opportunity to learn how to fix their bikes, learn to ride and go on led rides through our local green areas around Colchester. This was very well attended and we reached 60 families within the area so that they could use their bikes more effectively and safely.

3. Financial information

Funding

Thanks to Colchester City Council for funding towards our Fun Days and Youth Club and to Active Wellbeing Society for funding our Bike projects.

Income

Income from room hire and grants total £147,993.

Reserves Policy

Community Halls in Partnership requires an adequate level of reserves to:

1. Meet all legal, financial, health and safety requirements and obligations of the Association.

2. Enable the centre to implement its short and long term objectives and outcomes.

3. To cover annual inflationary costs, salary increments and pensions.

4. To provide a fund of £20,000 to cover buildings and maintenance for the Hythe Community Centre building and Abbot's Community Hall.

5. Meet the Charities Commission recommended good practice of having a £20,000 Personnel Reserve.

4. Disclosure of Key Risks and Mitigation Measures

The Community Centre recognises that effective risk management is essential to maintaining safe, sustainable, and high-quality services for local residents. The following key risks have been identified, together with measures that will be implemented to mitigate their impact.

A. Financial Sustainability

Risk: Insufficient income from grants, fundraising, room hire, or community activities may affect the centre's ability to meet operating costs.

Mitigation:
- Maintain a diversified income strategy including grants, donations, room hire and community events.
- Monitor budgets monthly and review financial performance bi-monthly at trustee meetings.
- Maintain appropriate financial reserves.
- Develop annual fundraising and income-generation plans.

B. Health and Safety

Risk: Injury to staff, volunteers, visitors, or service users while using the centre.

Mitigation:
- Conduct regular health and safety risk assessments.
- Ensure compliance with relevant health and safety legislation.
- Provide staff and volunteer training.
- Maintain appropriate insurance coverage.
- Implement emergency procedures and evacuation plans.

C. Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Risk: Failure to adequately safeguard individuals participating in activities.

Mitigation:

- Maintain robust safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Carry out appropriate DBS checks where required.
- Provide safeguarding training for staff and volunteers.
- Appoint a designated safeguarding lead.

D. Staffing and Volunteer Capacity

Risk: Difficulty recruiting or retraining qualified staff and volunteers may affect service delivery.

Mitigation:

- Develop clear recruitment and retention strategies.
- Provide training, support, and recognition programmes.
- Maintain volunteer succession planning.
- Regularly review staffing requirements.

E. Building and Facilities Management

Risk: Building damage, equipment failure, or maintenance issues may disrupt operations.

Mitigation:

- Implement planned maintenance schedules.
- Conduct regular inspections of facilities and equipment.
- Maintain adequate insurance.
- Establish contingency arrangements for temporary service relocation if necessary.
- Ensure system back ups are in place and up to date.

F. Data Protection and Cyber Security

Risk: Loss, theft or unauthorised access to personal information.

Mitigation:

- Comply with UK GDPR and data protection requirements.
- Use secure IT systems and password controls.
- Provide staff training on data handling.
- Regularly back up electronic records.

G. Community Engagement and Reputation

Risk: Reduced community participation or reputational damage may affect the centre's effectiveness and funding opportunities.

Mitigation:

- Maintain open communication with residents, and funders.
- Collect and respond feedback.
- Operate transparent governance and complaints procedures.
- Promote positive community engagement activities.

The Board of Trustees/Management Committee will review risks on a regular basis and update mitigation measures as required to ensure the continued safely, sustainability, and effectiveness of the Community Centre.

5. **Plans for the Future**

Our plans going forward for the following year are to:

• Continue ongoing maintenance on the centre to keep it to its high standard.

• Retain our high profile and relevance to local needs through effective consultation, networking and partnership working.

• Support the Youth Club to ensure smooth operational running for our local community.

• Run School holiday workshops for low income families in the area.

Inaddition to the current program of services and partnership working, we will continue to develop our services and infrastructure and adapt to changes in financial and evaluation and monitoring criteria to ensure we meet our commitments to public benefit in the most cost effective way.

6. Volunteer Contributions

The charity did not engage any volunteers during the reporting period. All activities and services were delivered by trustees, employees, and contracted service providers as appropriate.

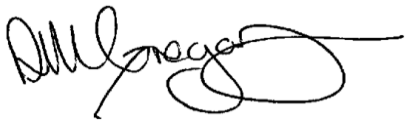
7. Declaration of Interest

Trustees have a legal duty to act only in the best interests of the charity. They must not put themselves in any position where their duties as trustee may conflict with any personal interest.

- No trustees benefited from their role in this financial year.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of charity trustee, that:
- the trustees have approved the report above; and
- have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



Anita Gregory — Date 29th June 2026
Treasurer

COMMUNITY HALLS IN PARTNERSHIP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

I report on the accounts of Communtiy Halls in Partnership for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

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 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but 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 Commissioners (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 the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360 Date 09/07/2026
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

		Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	**2**	-	2,403	2,403	700
Charitable activities	**3**	137,320	7,079	144,399	175,988
Raising funds		1,191	-	1,191	1,031
		138,511	9,482	147,993	177,719
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Charitable activities	**4**	143,463	10,041	153,504	159,539
		143,463	10,041	153,504	159,539
Net of (outgoing)/incoming resources before other gains and losses		(4,952)	(559)	(5,511)	18,180
Balances brought forward As at 1 April 2025		174,573	1,768	176,341	158,161
Balances carried forward As at 31 March 2026		**169,621**	**1,209**	**170,830**	**176,341**

Notes on page 11 - 14 form part of these accounts

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

		2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**7**	1,023	564
		1,023	564
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		156,640	144,984
Debtors	**8**	15,292	32,470
		171,932	177,454
Liabilites			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	2,125	1,677
Net current assets		169,807	175,777
Total net assets		**170,830**	**176,341**
Represented by funds			
General fund		129,621	134,573
Personnel fund	**1.2**	20,000	20,000
Building fund	**1.2**	20,000	20,000
Restricted funds	**10**	1,209	1,768
Total funds		**170,830**	**176,341**

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by :

Signed: Date: 29th June 2026

Name: Anita Gregory

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)- (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Cash Flow
The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

1.1 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Major expenditure on tangible fixed assets is capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Furniture and fittings	25% reducing balance
Equipment	25% reducing balance

1.2 Fund Accounting
Unrestricted Funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used for purposes as specified by the funder.

1.2 Reserves
A reserve policy has been implemented, a personnel fund of £20,000 is set aside for staff salaries should the centre close.
A reserve policy for the building fund has been set this year at £20,000.

1.3 Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received either by way of grants, donations and gifts or as contractual income in payment for services and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

1.4 Resources expended
Expenditure is recognised on a accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2. Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Donations - Youth club	-	2,403	2,403	700
	-	**2,403**	**2,403**	**700**

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Service income	92,127	-	92,127	133,826
Grants	-	5,635	5,635	4,235
Abbots income	41,644	-	41,644	37,243
Youth club income	-	1,444	1,444	684
Bank interest	3,549	-	3,549	-
	137,320	**7,079**	**144,399**	**175,988**

4. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Salary costs	73,037	1,636	74,673	78,156
Equipment repairs/renewals	97	-	97	1,458
Premises expenses/equipment	35,626	-	35,626	40,962
Stationery/postage/telephone	2,062	-	2,062	2,142
Computer/IT	599	-	599	889
Insurance	1,204	-	1,204	1,189
Training/travelling/subsistence	812	-	812	1,490
Professional fees	1,380	-	1,380	3,021
Depreciation	141	-	141	188
Miscellaneous expenses	4,774	-	4,774	4,050
Project expenses	1,538	4,739	6,277	5,373
Youth club expenses	-	3,666	3,666	1,176
Abbots expenditure	22,123	-	22,123	19,345
Donations & Subs	70	-	70	100
	143,463	**10,041**	**153,504**	**159,539**

5. Staff costs

In 2026, £51,572.03 was paid to key management personnel (2025: £48,010.08).

The average number of employees in the period was 6 (2025: 6)

6. Related parties

There were no related parties during the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture & Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2025	26,509	26,509
Additions	600	600
At 31 March 2026	27,109	27,109
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2025	25,945	25,945
Charge for the year	141	141
At 31 March 2026	26,086	26,086
Net book values		
At 31 March 2026	**1,023**	**1,023**
At 31 March 2025	564	564

8. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	11,386	27,092
Other debtors	3,906	5,378
	15,292	**32,470**

9. Creditors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals	440	440
Other creditors	582	272
Deposits held	185	82
Social security costs	918	883
	2,125	**1,677**

10. Fund analysis

	As At 01/04/2025	Incoming Rescources	Resources expended	Transfer between funds	As at 31/03/2026
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds	174,573	138,511	(143,463)	-	169,621
Restricted funds					
Colchester City Council	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Essex Association - Youth Club	328	-	(328)	-	-
Pedal Power	-	3,435	(3,435)	-	-
Fun day	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
Bigger, Stronger Fitter Fund	740	-	(740)	-	-
Youth Club - Donations	700	3,847	(3,338)	-	1,209
Total	**1,768**	**9,482**	**(10,041)**	**-**	**1,209**
Total funds	**176,341**	**147,993**	**(153,504)**	**-**	**170,830**

11. Previous year statement of financial activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2025 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations, grants and legacies	**2**		700	700
Charitable Activities		171,753	4,235	175,988
Raising Funds	**3**	1,031	-	1,031
		172,784	**4,935**	**177,719**
Resources expended				
Cost of generating funds				
Charitable activities	**3**	153,620	5,919	159,539
		153,620	5,919	159,539
Net of (outgoing)/incoming resources before other gains and losses		19,164	(984)	18,180
Balances brought forward As at 1 April 2024		155,409	2,752	158,161
Balances carried forward As at 31 March 2025	**8**	**174,573**	**1,768**	**176,341**

12. Going concern

The charity is operating on a going concern basis.

13. Trustees remuneration

No trustees recieved any remuneration in this financial year.