Stanhope Community Association — Summary of the Year

This year has been one of significant investment in our premises and continued strength in our community activities, alongside changes to our governance.

Building Upgrades

The Association has made substantial improvements to its facilities to ensure they remain safe, warm, and fit for community use. This year we installed a new fire alarm system and fire doors throughout the building, significantly improving fire safety for all users. We also completed the installation of new double glazing, improving energy efficiency and reducing running costs, as well as making the building more comfortable for the groups and individuals who use it. These improvements were made possible by funding secured at the end of 2024 from Durham County Council and the Rural Design Centre, and we are grateful for their support in enabling this work.

Governance

The Association saw a change of trustees during the year. We are grateful to those who stepped down for their contribution, and we welcome the new trustees who have joined the board to help guide the Association forward.

Community Activities

Throughout the year we have continued to run a range of community groups, which remain well attended by people from across the Weardale area. In total, we reached up to 405 individual users over the course of the year through our events, classes and groups. These activities continue to provide valuable opportunities for social connection, activity, and support within the local community.

Looking Ahead

Looking to the year ahead, we are planning to improve our art facilities, further expanding what we can offer to groups and individuals interested in the arts. We are also pleased to be welcoming new groups to the Association, including a Theatre Group, and we will be starting a series of craft fairs to bring more visitors and activity into the community. In addition, we will be starting coffee mornings, and we are looking to open a book room for the community to enjoy.

Stanhope Community Association CIO

Charity Registration No: 1166351

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Receipts and Payments Account
1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Receipts	81,170	20,212	101,382	41,327
Payments	62,170	46,161	108,331	32,297
Surplus (Deficit)	19,000	(25,949)	(6,949)	9,030
Cash Funds 1st January 2025		27,580	27,580	18,550
Cash Funds 31st December 2025	19,000	1,631	20,631	27,580
Transfer	(19,000)	19,000		
Cash Funds 31st December 2025	0	20,631	20,631	27,580

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Detailed Receipts
1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Grants	81,170		81,170	15,199
Room Rent		6,602	6,602	8,968
Income from Activities		559	559	1,363
Donations		7,369	7,369	9,660
Creative Writing		457	457	1,167
Glass Class		487	487	564
Pottery Class		2,016	2,016	2,576
Ukelele		904	904	890
Textile and Sewing		1,075	1,075	614
Other		430	430	146
Interest		313	313	180
Total Receipts	81,170	20,212	101,382	41,327

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Detailed Payments
1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Payments	Restricted	Unrestricted	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Food and Refreshments		141	141	70
Cleaning		1,667	1,667	770
Telephone		1,033	1,033	1,920
Equipment		145	145	136
Utilities		7,043	7,043	4,556
Printing and Stationery		59	59	135
Repairs and Maintenance		30,402	30,402	2,533
Insurance and Licences		3,761	3,761	3,678
Accountancy		330	330	330
Sundry Expenses		722	722	135
Donations			0	2,145
Travel Expenses		358	358	
Grant Expendirure	62,170		62,170	15,199
Bridge Expenses			0	
Cost of Activities			0	
Duke of Edinburgh			0	
Glass Class			0	
Pottery Class		500	500	690
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Asset and Liability Statement
As at 31st December 2025

Fixed Assets

	2025 £	2024 £
Buildings	437,998	437,998
Furniture	3,227	3,227
Fixture and Fittings	6,600	6,600
Equipment - Computer and Office	933	933
Equipment - Craft and Youth Club	7,920	7,920
Equipment - Duke of Edinburgh	2,200	2,200
Total Fixed Assets	458,878	458,878
Cash at Bank and in Hand	20,631	27,580
Total Assets	479,509	486,458

Cash Breakdown

Current	7,833
Savings	12,270
Petty Cash	528
	20,631

Approved..... Date.....
Secretary

Approved..... Date.....
Treasurer

Stanhope Community Association CIO

Funding Analysis

Funder	Opening Balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
Grants Property		81,170	(62,170)	(19,000)	0
Total Restricted Funds	0	81,170	(62,170)	(19,000)	0
Unrestricted Funds	27,580	20,212	(46,161)	19,000	20,631
Total Funds	27,580	101,382	(108,331)	0	20,631

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Stanhope Community Association CIO for the year ended 31st December 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and statement, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Act). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.
No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

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In my opinion, the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under Section 221, and have regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, those accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Act specified in subsection (6), so far as is applicable to the company.

In my opinion, having regard to and on the basis of, the information contained in the accounting records kept by the company under section 221, the company as a charity satisfied the requirements of section 249A(5) for the financial year and did not fall within section 249B(1) (a) to (f) at any time within the financial year.

Paul Brown - King
Independent Examiner
26th August 2026