COMMUNITY CONCERN ARK

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 1 October 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1184872

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1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Information

Charity Name: Community Concern Ark
Charity Registration Number: 1184872
Reporting Period: Year ended 1 October 2025
Legal Status: Registered Charity governed by its Constitution.

Trustees

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for the strategic direction, governance and financial stewardship of the organisation. Trustee details should be completed in accordance with the Charity Commission register.

Professional Advisers

The charity obtains professional advice where necessary in relation to accounting, governance and compliance matters.

About Community Concern Ark

Community Concern Ark is a registered charity committed to relieving poverty, advancing education, promoting social inclusion and improving the wellbeing of disadvantaged individuals and families. The charity supports older people, vulnerable families, minority communities and low-income households through food support, advocacy, budgeting guidance, financial planning support, training workshops, signposting to specialist services and community outreach. It also promotes environmental sustainability through the redistribution of surplus food, reducing waste while ensuring nutritious food reaches those most in need.

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2. Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 1 October 2025

Chair's Introduction

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 1 October 2025. During the year Community Concern Ark continued to support vulnerable individuals and families through practical assistance, food support, advocacy, financial wellbeing initiatives and community engagement. We remain committed to relieving hardship, promoting dignity and strengthening our local community.

About Community Concern Ark

Community Concern Ark is a registered charity serving West Norwood and surrounding communities. The charity supports families, older people, low-income households and minority communities by providing practical support, food assistance, advocacy, training and opportunities to improve financial resilience while reducing food waste.

Our Vision and Mission

Our vision is a resilient community where everyone has access to food, support and opportunities to thrive. Our mission is to relieve poverty, improve financial wellbeing, promote social inclusion and encourage sustainable living.

Charitable Objects

The charity exists to relieve poverty, advance education, promote community development and improve the wellbeing of people experiencing hardship through charitable activities.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. All activities are undertaken for the benefit of the public, particularly vulnerable individuals and families.

Objectives and Activities

The charity delivers food support, advocacy, budgeting guidance, financial wellbeing initiatives, training workshops, community outreach, volunteer opportunities and partnerships with local organisations.

Detailed Achievements and Performance

Throughout the year the charity expanded community support through practical services designed to improve wellbeing and resilience.

Food Bank

Emergency food parcels and rescued food were distributed to households experiencing food insecurity, helping reduce household food costs.

Elderly Support

Older residents received food support, wellbeing checks, signposting and assistance to reduce isolation.

Advocacy

The charity helped beneficiaries access services, benefits and other support available within the community.

Financial Wellbeing

Support focused on improving financial resilience through practical guidance and access to affordable food.

Budgeting Support

Beneficiaries received budgeting guidance and signposting to financial advice services.

Training Workshops

Workshops promoted budgeting, healthy eating, employability, financial capability and sustainable living.

Community Events

Community events brought residents together, reduced isolation and strengthened community cohesion.

Volunteer Programme

Volunteers played a vital role in food collection, distribution, administration and community engagement.

Environmental Impact

The charity redistributed surplus food, reducing waste and helping protect the environment.

Climate Action

By preventing edible food from going to landfill, the charity reduced waste and encouraged sustainable consumption.

Partnerships

The charity worked alongside local organisations, donors, volunteers and community groups to maximise its impact.

Volunteer Contribution

Volunteers donated significant time and skills, enabling services to be delivered efficiently and extending the charity's reach.

Fundraising Activities

Income was generated primarily through donations, with plans to expand fundraising through community events, book launches and sales.

Financial Review

During the year the charity received donation income of £25,000 and incurred expenditure of £24,530, resulting in a surplus of £470.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient reserves to safeguard the charity's ongoing activities.

Going Concern

The trustees believe the charity remains a going concern based on continued community support and prudent financial management.

Principal Risks and Risk Management

Trustees regularly review operational, financial, governance and safeguarding risks and implement appropriate controls.

Future Plans

The charity intends to expand food support, financial wellbeing programmes, elderly support, advocacy services, partnerships and climate action initiatives.

Governance

The charity is governed by its Board of Trustees, who oversee strategy, finance, compliance and risk management.

Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the charity complies with charity law, maintains proper accounting records and prepares an annual report and accounts.

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3. Financial Statements

For the year ended 1 October 2025

Receipts & Payments Account

Receipts	2025 (£)
Donations	25,000
Total Receipts	25,000

Payments	2025 (£)
Office equipment	4,200
Travel	12,100
Professional fees	2,500
Cleaning	1,000
Office refurbishment	3,230
Donations	1,500
Total Payments	24,530
Net Surplus	470

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets / Liabilities	2025 (£)
Cash at bank	470
Total Assets	470
Liabilities	None reported

Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance (CC16). Income is recognised when received and expenditure when paid.

Notes to the Accounts

- The principal source of income was voluntary donations.
- Total receipts were £25,000.
- Total payments were £24,530.
- The surplus for the year was £470.
- Cash held at the year end totalled £470.
- No material liabilities were reported from the information provided.

Trustee Approval

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees.

Chair of Trustees: Priscilla Oronsaye

Trustee: Monica Zbolyan

Date: 24 July 2026