Old Farnley and District Community Association

Charity number 1206552

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Peter Allison	Chair & Trustee	Appointed January 2024
Sue Holliday	Trustee & Committee	Appointed January 2024
Councillor David Blackburn	Trustee	Appointed January 2024

Charity number 1206552

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Structure, governance and management
CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 4th of January 2024

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees
The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

(a) To promote the benefits of the inhabitants of Old Farnley and district and the neighbourhood, (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together with the said inhabitants 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 and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; (b) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called "the centre") and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

The charity's main activities

The objectives of Old Farnley & District Community Association are to provide a range of diverse opportunities, activities and support for the benefit of the local community. Through the operation of Farnley Community Centre, the charity seeks to provide an accessible, welcoming and inclusive environment where residents of all ages can participate in social, recreational and educational activities. Throughout 2025, the charity continued to provide its established programme of regular activities, including the Farnley Luncheon Club, held each Monday, which provides affordable meals and opportunities for social interaction for older members of the community. The centre also continued to host a range of activities for children, young people and families, alongside its established Tuesday evening cash bingo sessions, which remain open to the wider community.

The Farnley Community Café, established in January 2024, continued to operate each Friday morning from 8.00 am until 12.00 noon. The café has continued to develop since its introduction, providing affordable refreshments and a welcoming environment in which local residents can meet, socialise and access support. During the winter months, the centre has also sought to support residents experiencing hardship through the provision of a warm and welcoming space, including refreshments where funding permits.

The charity continued to develop its range of community activities and events throughout the year. These included seasonal Halloween and Christmas celebrations, the annual Santa Trail, a Christmas market and an open mic evening. The centre also expanded its recreational facilities through investment in indoor play equipment, enabling it to offer additional opportunities for children and families.
In addition, the charity secured funding to establish digital inclusion activities, providing access to IT equipment and opportunities for local residents to develop digital skills and confidence. The centre continues to be available for private functions, community events, meetings and other appropriate bookings, helping to generate income to support its charitable activities and the ongoing operation of the building.

Public benefit statement

In setting the charity's objectives and planning its activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that Farnley Community Centre provides facilities, activities and services that benefit the residents of Farnley and the surrounding district.
The charity seeks to deliver public benefit by providing affordable and accessible opportunities for social interaction, recreation, education and community participation. Its activities support people across different age groups, including older residents, children, young people and families, as well as individuals who may experience social isolation, financial hardship or difficulties accessing digital services.
Through the provision of regular activities, community events, affordable refreshments, digital inclusion support and facilities for local groups, the charity aims to strengthen community relationships, promote inclusion and improve access to opportunities within the local area.
The Trustees continue to review the charity's activities and consider opportunities to develop its services in response to the needs of the community, ensuring that the facilities and resources available are used to maximise public benefit.

Achievements and performance

During 2025, Old Farnley & District Community Association continued to develop Farnley Community Centre as a valuable community asset, maintaining its established programme of activities while investing in equipment, facilities and new opportunities for local residents. The Trustees have continued to focus on improving the range of services available, strengthening community engagement and ensuring that the building remains a safe, welcoming and functional environment.

Community activities and events

The charity continued to deliver its established programme of regular activities throughout the year. The Farnley Luncheon Club remained a key part of the centre's provision, offering older residents affordable meals and opportunities for social interaction. The Tuesday evening cash bingo sessions also continued, providing a regular recreational activity and contributing towards the centre's ongoing income.

The Farnley Community Café, which began operating in January 2024, continued to establish itself within the local community. Attendance and engagement have developed since its introduction, and the café provides an affordable and welcoming space for residents to meet, socialise and access refreshments. The Trustees are pleased with its continued progress and recognise its potential for further development.

The centre also continued to organise seasonal community events, including Halloween activities and the annual Christmas celebrations. The Santa Trail remained an important part of the charity's Christmas programme, helping to bring residents together and provide enjoyable experiences for local families.

A significant development during the year was the organisation of the charity's first Christmas market. This required initial investment in gazebos and associated event equipment to establish the facilities necessary to deliver the event. The market attracted a positive response from the community and represented an important step in developing the centre's programme of events. The Trustees were pleased with the outcome and intend to build on this success in future years, with the aim of establishing the market as a regular feature of the local community calendar.

Development of new activities and facilities

During the year, the charity invested in additional kitchen equipment to improve its catering facilities and broaden the range of food available at the centre. This included equipment to support the development of its pizzeria offering. These investments have enhanced the centre's ability to cater for activities, events and community gatherings, while creating opportunities to generate additional income to support its charitable objectives.

The charity also invested in an indoor bouncy castle specifically suited to the centre's available ceiling height, together with soft-play equipment for younger children. These facilities have been positively received and provide additional opportunities for children and families to participate in activities within a safe indoor environment. The investment represents a further step in diversifying the centre's services and making greater use of its facilities.

Community funding and events

On 31 May 2025, the charity received a grant of £150 through Armley Helping Hands to support a community event. The funding contributed towards the organisation of an open mic evening, which provided an opportunity for local residents to participate in and enjoy live entertainment.
The event was well attended and proved to be a positive experience for the charity. Delivering the evening required investment in suitable sound equipment, microphones, speakers, lighting and associated technical facilities to ensure an appropriate standard of presentation. The event demonstrated the potential for the centre to host a wider range of cultural and social activities and provided valuable experience in developing future entertainment events.

In addition to the above, the charity secured funding through the Digital Inclusion Fund. This enabled the purchase of laptops, tablet devices, desktop computers and associated IT equipment, providing the resources needed to develop digital inclusion activities at the centre.

The programme has enabled the charity to offer digital inclusion workshops and individual support sessions for residents who wish to improve their digital confidence and skills. Activities have included support with basic computer literacy and the use of digital devices, helping participants develop the knowledge needed to access online services and participate more confidently in an increasingly digital society.
Tablet devices have also been made available for home use through a loan arrangement, helping to reduce barriers for individuals who may not have access to suitable equipment. The Trustees consider this investment an important development in the charity's work to promote inclusion and improve access to digital opportunities.

Premises, licensing and compliance

The ongoing maintenance and safe operation of Farnley Community Centre remained a priority throughout 2025. The charity continued to undertake repairs and maintenance as necessary to protect the building, maintain its facilities and meet its legal and operational responsibilities.

As part of the development of the centre's activities, an application was made to Leeds City Council for the relevant premises and alcohol licence. The application was subsequently granted, providing the necessary authorisation to support the planned activities associated with the open mic event and other appropriate functions. The charity also reviewed and updated relevant details relating to its trading activities and operating hours to reflect the services being provided and the continued development of the centre.

The Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining appropriate policies, procedures and compliance arrangements as the charity expands its activities. These remain an ongoing consideration in the management and development of the premises.

Future development

The achievements during 2025 demonstrate the charity's continued commitment to developing Farnley Community Centre as a resource for the local community. Investment in equipment, the introduction and expansion of activities, successful funding applications and the development of new events have all contributed to broadening the range of opportunities available to residents.

While there remains scope to increase participation and make greater use of the centre's facilities, the Trustees are encouraged by the progress made during the year. The charity will continue to seek opportunities to develop its programme, strengthen existing activities, attract new users and secure funding to support its objectives.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Trustees intend to build on the foundations established during the year, with a continued emphasis on community engagement, financial sustainability, inclusion and the long-term development of Farnley Community Centre for the benefit of the local area.

Financial review

For the financial year ending 31 December 2025, the charity recorded a net deficit of £3,036, attributable entirely to unrestricted funds.

The deficit reflects, in part, the charity's continued investment in the development, improvement and modernisation of Farnley Community Centre. Throughout the year, expenditure has been incurred on equipment, facilities and other improvements to enhance the centre's services and provide greater opportunities for the local community. The Trustees consider these investments important to the charity's long-term sustainability and its ability to deliver public benefit.

Despite the deficit, the charity maintained available funds of £15,134 at the year end, comprising £11,663 held in the charity's current account and £3,471 in cash. This balance provides a financial foundation from which the charity can continue its day-to-day operations and support its ongoing activities.

The Trustees will continue to monitor the charity's financial position carefully, balancing the need to invest in the development of the centre with the importance of maintaining sufficient funds to meet its ongoing commitments and operational costs.

Reserves policy

At 31 December 2025, the charity held available funds totalling £15,134, comprising £11,663 in its current account and £3,471 in cash. These funds relate to unrestricted resources available to support the charity's activities and ongoing operating costs.

The charity does not currently have a formally adopted reserves policy. However, the Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining adequate financial reserves to meet day-to-day expenditure, respond to unforeseen costs and ensure the continued operation of Farnley Community Centre.

During the year, the charity continued to utilise its unrestricted funds to support investment in the building, equipment and facilities. The Trustees acknowledge the need to balance such investment with the maintenance of sufficient reserves to protect the charity's financial stability.

The Trustees intend to review the charity's financial position and develop a formal reserves policy during the forthcoming financial year. This will include consideration of the level of reserves required to meet routine operating costs, anticipated maintenance expenditure and any unexpected financial commitments.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 30/10/2026

Signed ..... (Trustee)

Name: ……Peter Allison……..…..…….

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 December 2025

		2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts			
Grants and donations	(2)	5,642	2,906
Farnley Luncheon Club inc Happy Hour		5,165	4,640
Room Hire		6,313	10,467
Solar panel income		1,553	1,273
Bank interest		183	233
Membership		240	240
Net Bingo Income		1,835	1,648
Solar Panel Damage Remuneration		240	0
Christmas Market Stall Income		85	0
Kitchen Sales		5,839	4,203
Total receipts		27,095	19,477
Payments			
Utilities		2,718	3,044
Rent and rates		395	206
Phone and broadband		685	630
Accounting Fees & Software		230	201
Bingo prizes and costs		3,448	3,703
Cleaning and refuse collection		903	1,156
Repairs and maintenance		2,087	764
Garden costs		50	50
Subscriptions & Memberships		246	308
Event costs (Halloween, Xmas)		870	1,123
Farnley Luncheon Club (Food & Bingo)		2,688	2,109
Café Food Costs		1,998	2,299
Donations		-	-
Christmas Market Setup Costs		2,041	-
Kitchen Equipment & Pizza Setup		949	-
Music, Karaoke, DJ, Disco Setup		1,918	-
Digital Inclusion Equipment		5,987	105
Bouncy Castle & Soft Play		1,390	-
Extinguisher Replacement & Service		268	
LCC Alcohol & Premises Licence		190	
Sundries		1070	751
Total payments		30,131	28,233
Net receipts / (payments)		(3,036)	(2,623)

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Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 December 2025

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash funds		
Virgin Money current account	11,663	14,699
Cash in hand	3,471	1,575
Total cash funds	15,134	16,274

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/2026

Signed .....(Trustee)

Name: …Peter Allison…..…….

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted (general & not including specific funding grants) funds and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees infurtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

2 Grants and donations

	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Armley Helping Hands Welcome Spaces (JAN)	600	850
Armley Helping Hands Welcome Spaces (NOV)	880	
Armley Helping Hands Open Mic Night	150	
Armley Helping Hands Household Support Fund	1,000	
Leeds Community Foundations (Luncheon Club)	1,964	
LCC OWCC Musical Instruments Grant	782	1,350
Cash Donations	266	
Voluntary Action Leeds	0	500
	5,642	2,700

3 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.