Southmead Community Association

Legal and Administrative Information

Southmead Community Association is a Registered Charity, Number 201099. The Association is a Community Centre with the following objects:-

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Southmead and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together 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 and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

(c) To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Registered office
Southmead Community Centre
248 Greystoke Avenue
Southmead
Bristol BS10 6BQ

Trustees and advisors

Advisor - Mr David Bellamy (Acting as Treasurer)
Advisor - Mrs Sandra Bellamy
Trustee - Mr Alan Bush (resigned 6/10/25)
Trustee - Mrs Carol Bush (resigned 13/10/25)
Trustee - Mr Tony Coles
Advisor - Mrs Jacqueline Dillon (Chair from February 26)
Trustee - Mr Richard Ducker (Chair to January 26)
Trustee - Mr Graham Leighton
Trustee – Bryan Scrase
Trustee – Richard Bamber (09/06/25-20/11/25)
Advisor - Mrs Sue Levick (Acting as Secretary)

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High Street
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Registered Independent Examiner:
Dick Maule FCA
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Trustee's Annual Report

Report text for Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 31st December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with current statutory requirements, the Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Legal and Administrative information, set out on page 1, forms part of this report.

1 Principal Activity (Objectives of the Charity)

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Southmead and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together 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 objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

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Our Mission

Southmead Community Association works with and offers support to the local community, to bring about positive social and economic change in Southmead by providing affordable opportunities to develop skills and self-confidence of the local people.

Southmead Community Centre is a place for people to meet, socialise and interact with one another through community engagement and inclusion. As an organisation we are committed to fulfilling the needs of the community providing direct help, advice and support to everyone. The Centre is run by the people, for the people, uniting the community through provision of educational, recreation and leisure time facilities. As an organisation we promote diversity and equality of opportunity in everything that we do.

2 Trustees and General Committee

Members and Honorary Officers are elected to the General Committee at the Annual General Meeting and serve for one year only unless re-elected the following year.

3 Review of the Year 2025

3.1 The Trustees have continued to employ a member of the bar staff to front the office one day a week and answer the telephone messages and emails to enable the much-needed hall bookings. The Trustee Board feel that this is the best option given the present financial position of the Charity and keeping the Centre open for business is their main concern. The Social Club bar was able to open throughout the year at weekends for members and general enquiries from the community dealt with by the bar staff. The loss of grant from the local authority which previously funded a Centre manager subsequently led to the redundancy of the post and precludes the appointment of any full-time administration or management staff for the foreseeable future.

3.2 Looking at the finances for the year the charity managed a deficit from balances and reserves of nearly £17,000 for the year due to lower income from group activities, a lower annual profit from the Social Club and rising costs across the board. Further contracts to halt roof leaks following the unsuccessful repairs completed in 2024 were commissioned during the year. The trustees have held discussions with the local citizens advice service as to options to recover costs from the original local building roofing contractor and these are continuing. Several areas remain out of use due to water penetration damage but essential service provision to the community continues.

3.3 As indicated in their previous report, the trustees are well aware that the Centre's location is part of a designated redevelopment area and buildings either side of the Centre are derelict. Meetings were held early in 2025 with members of the Bristol City Council Redevelopment Team for the Southmead area together with the Community Buildings Manager, John Bos. The upshot of the meetings was to rubber stamp the Trustees resolve to continue to use the building for services to the Community as no money is available at the moment (and in the near future) for the City Council to redevelop the area on a scale which would affect the continuation of the Community Centre. The Council staff also confirmed the view of the Trustees that due to the proposed redevelopment it was pointless to spend any further monies on the building except for essential repairs and legal compliance such as PAT testing Fire Safety and Electrical Fixed wire testing

3.4 Whilst the charity was very grateful to Bristol City Council for continuing to allow the Association to continue to provide essential services to the community, they were disappointed with its decision to remove the benefit from Business Rate relief for the 20% not covered by the automatic 80% charity relief available to all charities. This relief, however, sadly ended in the previous year March 2024 not only for the SCA but for all charities in Bristol due to the council's financial position.

3.5 The John James foundation has supported the Community Association for many years with grants for Christmas parties and 2025 was no exception. Some of the older Community Centre users were treated with theatre tickets for the Redgrave Theatre in Bristol (Amateur performances at the theatre are also supported by this excellent foundation to the benefit of the city as a whole.)

3.6 No new groups started in 2025 and the line dancing class decided to leave the Centre following a trustee decision to raise group prices during the year The Community Centre however remains popular with the local community as a venue for birthday parties wedding celebrations and wakes. There were 37 family parties, 3 wedding parties 2 wakes and a local government election held during the year as well as miscellaneous booking for private meetings. The Centre kitchen still enjoys it's five-star health rating awarded by the City Council's Environmental Health Inspectors. The weekly lunch club continues to be very popular with the community and regular numbers increased to over 60. The regular participation of volunteers in the kitchen help to keep the cost of providing the meals down and the low price is much appreciated by the users who are also feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis

3.7 These remain unprecedented times for the country and particularly for the volunteer Trustees most of whom are in their 70s and the Charity was anxious to attract and recruit fresh (and perhaps, younger) trustees from the community. The trustees are pleased to report that at an AGM meeting in February 2026 4 much younger trustees were recruited to the board (including a new Treasurer) to ensure that the Centre continues to provide this much needed and much appreciated community asset in Southmead which is an area of social deprivation.

3.8 Despite being another difficult year for everyone the Trustees would again like to thank all employees and volunteers for their continuing commitment, enthusiasm and support during 2025 and very much welcome any new volunteers in 2026. The Trustees believe that the much-appreciated help from volunteers is key to the overall success of the Centre, and without them, the many activities would not be possible. The Trustees are most grateful for their ongoing contribution to the success and financial viability of the Centre.

3.9 The Trustees continue to believe that the Centre's future incentive to encourage new people to join the board, is for the charity to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.) which would provide personal liability security for individual members which an unincorporated organisation, sadly, does not. The expected limited useful life of the Centre and limited resources available make this an unlikely achievable aspiration at the moment especially given the uncertainty of attracting new trustees with a range of administrative and financial skills to the board. The possible provision of a new Community Centre in the future will probably be the catalyst for future Trustees to achieve such a change.

4 How our activities deliver public benefit

4.1. Our service delivery is available to all Southmead residents and those in the surrounding areas who have enjoyed attending the Community Centre over the years and appreciate the various services on offer by volunteers and professionals alike. Services are delivered in line with our principal objective without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin or of political, religious or other opinions.

4.2. Every effort is made to network with other service providers in the area including the local authority, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to identify and provide facilities needed in Southmead aiming to improve the quality of life for the local community.

5 Future Developments

Priorities for the year ahead:

1. To stay committed to our organisation's aims and objectives to continue to make a difference to people's lives within our community and safeguard the charity and its trustees by becoming a charitable incorporated organisation.

2 Continue to safeguard the financial viability of the organisation by securing increased activity and financial support from funders. To operate safely within any ongoing national health restrictions.

3. To continue to develop future ideas and proposals for the future redevelopment of the Centre on the "Greystoke Strip" by fully utilising the information and conclusions provided by the feasibility study in seeking to provide a new Community Centre in the very heart of Southmead.

4. To continue to empower local people with decision making and ownership of the Centre. Working to increase training opportunities for future employment as well as increasing volunteer opportunities within the community.

5. To continue to identify gaps in services within Southmead and develop the Centre to meet the needs and expectations of the community by improving our services and facilities the best we can.

6. Risk Assessment

The Executive Committee has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed as part of its business plan and satisfied insurers that systems have been established to mitigate any risks. Assessment is reviewed on a continuous basis and section leaders reminded of their responsibilities.

7 Reserves Policy

The charity's policy on unrestricted reserves is to maintain equivalent cash balances:

- To cover three month's budgeted recurrent expenditures.
- To cover planned capital expenditure for the upcoming year.

The level of reserves is monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on a quarterly basis. As highlighted in 3.1 of this report the reserves were impacted by the lack of funding for a professional manager in post at the Centre. Whilst the reserves are now very healthy (thanks to Covid funding), the Trustees will during 2025 continue to carry out the

funding), the Trustees will during 2025 continue to carry out the necessary management roles on a voluntary basis and explore different staffing options to ensure the Centre is run efficiently as it gets back on its feet. This will be reviewed at each monthly Trustees' meeting.

8 Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable body and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees have:

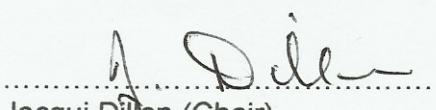
- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- followed applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice without any material departures;
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable body and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the relevant Acts.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable body and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

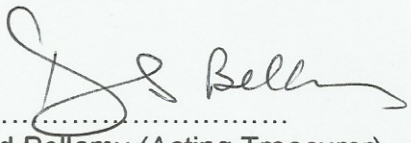
In determining how amounts are presented within items in the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet, the Trustees have had regard to the substance of the reported transactions or arrangements, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or practice.
So far as the Trustees are aware at the time the report is approved:-
There is no relevant information of which the association's independent examiners are unaware and the Trustees have taken all prescribed steps to ensure awareness of all relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of the said information.

Trustees' Charity Report Certified by:-



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Jacqui Dillon (Chair)

Date:



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David Bellamy (Acting Treasurer)

Date:

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of

Southmead Community Association

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 8 to 14

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records [; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Dick Maule FCA

Name : Dick Maule F.C.A.
Address : The Cross House, The High Street ,South Woodchester GL5 5EL
Date: 16.10.26

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Statement of Financial Activities [including Income and Expenditure Account]
for the year ended 31st. December 2025

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations	2,214	-	2,214	373
Membership	1,926	-	1,926	1,912
Investment income				
Interest	162	-	162	349
Charitable activities				
Grants	1,260	-	1,260	1,395
Hall hire and activities	19,024	-	19,024	21,719
Rent	16,500	-	16,500	21,200
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total	41,087	-	41,087	46,948
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	58,063	-	58,063	61,766
Total	58,063	-	58,063	61,766
Net income/(expenditure)	(16,977)	-	(16,977)	(14,819)
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	193,497	-	193,497	208,315
Total funds carried forward	176,520	-	176,520	193,497

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Balance sheet as at 31st. December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	2		157,584	162,464
Current assets				
Debtors	4	2,022		2,492
Cash on hand		2,131		1,558
Cash at bank		16,052		28,033
Total current assets		20,204		32,083
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 12 months	3	(1,268)		(1,051)
Net Current assets			18,936	31,033
Net assets			176,520	193,497
The funds of the charity:				
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	7		23,292	36,438
Designated funds			153,228	157,059
Restricted funds			-	-
Total charity funds			176,520	193,497

…… Richard Ducker Chair

…… David Bellamy Treasurer

Dated:

Southmead Community Association

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2025

(1) Principal Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year.

(a) Basis of preparation
The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 2nd edition and the Charities Act 2011.
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.
(b) Fund accounting
[i] Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
[ii]Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.
[iii] Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.
(c) Income
Income is 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.
[i] Income received by way of grants, donations and gifts 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.
[ii] Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
[iii]The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
[iv] Investment income is included when receivable.
[v]Income from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
[vi]Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.
(d) Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered
[i]Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
[ii] 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 dirctly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them
[iii]All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2025

(1) Principal Accounting Policies

(e) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are written off over the expected useful life of the asset on the reducing balance basis at 15% per annum for equipment and 2% straight line for the building.

(2) Tangible Assets

	Building	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost:			
balance brought forward	191,537	106,485	298,022
additions in the year	-	-	-
	191,537	106,485	298,022
Depreciation			
balance brought forward	34,477	101,081	135,558
charge for the year	3,831	1,049	4,880
	38,308	102,130	140,438
Net book value at 31st. December 2025	153,229	4,355	157,584
Net book value at 31st. December 2024	157,060	5,404	162,464

(3) Creditors and accruals

Creditors: amounts falling due within 12 months

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sundry creditors	1,268	1,051
	1,268	1,051

(4) Debtors and prepayments

Sundry debtors	2,022	2,492

(5) Employee information

		2025	2024
Number of employees	Average monthly head count	1	1

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

	£	£
Salaries and wages	15,334	10,258
Social security costs	-	-
	15,334	10,258

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2025

(6) Expenditure

	Charitable activities 2025	Charitable activities 2024
	£	£
Salaries	15,334	10,258
Subscriptions and cost of sales	594	778
Rates and water	4,428	3,427
Repairs and renewals	-	2,694
Telephone	964	838
Performing rights	1,682	1,478
Cleaning and laundry	3,477	3,414
Stationery,postage and photocopying	160	252
Light and heat	13,515	10,339
Consultancy fees and pension contributions	2,389	2,939
Insurance	218	2,446
Building maintenance	4,561	16,143
Depreciation	4,880	4,880
Reporting accountant's fee	850	850
Miscellaneous expenses	2	16
Computer and software	43	43
Bank charges	13	-
Security	3,754	-
Equipment hire and maintenance	1,199	971
	58,063	61,766

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2025

(7) Movements in funds

	Balance 1st. January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31st. Dec. 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Fund	157,059	-	-	(3,831)	153,228
General Fund	36,438	41,087	(58,063)	3,831	23,292
	193,497	41,087	(58,063)	-	176,520

Designated Fund: an amount has been set aside to reflect the amount of reseves tied up in the original costs of building the centre.

	Balance 1st. January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31st. Dec. 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
Designated Fund	164,721	-	-	(3,831)	160,890
General Fund	43,850	49,545	(49,801)	3,831	47,425
	208,571	49,545	(49,801)	-	208,315

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st. December 2024

(8) Analysis of prior year funds

Statement of Financial Activities [including Income and Expenditure Account]
for the year ended 31st. December 2024

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total	
	2024	2024	2024	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations	1,249	-	1,249	1,852
Membership	2,216	-	2,216	1,218
Investment income				
Interest	264	-	264	15
Charitable activities				
Grants	2,295	-	2,295	7,817
Hall hire and activities	20,321	-	20,321	21,203
Rent	23,200	-	23,200	21,000
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total	49,545	-	49,545	53,105
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	49,801	-	49,801	51,447
Total	49,801	-	49,801	51,447
Net income/(expenditure)	(256)	-	(256)	1,658
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward	208,571	-	208,571	206,913
Total funds carried forward	208,315	-	208,315	208,571