Snodland Community Association —Treasurer's Report — Year to 31st March 2026

The Association's accounts to the 31st March 2026 were independently prepared and scrutinised by Mr J. Fisher, accountant of Fisher Aylward Ltd, Whitstable, Kent. During the last financial year the Community Centre has continued to be a widely used venue. This has resulted in a surplus of £10,177, a decrease of £8545 on the previous year, but still an encouraging figure considering the challenges and expenses faced over the year.

Fundraising: As usual, a number of events were organised over the year, including a Christmas quiz and two Cabaret Nights, which continued to include a two course meal and which shifted the emphasis from the artiste to the event as a whole. As this was one fewer event, it is not surprising that this contributed towards fundraising falling overall by £909. As well as this, catering was provided for a number of wrestling events, although there was no boxing show.

To repeat the message of last year - for our events to be good fundraisers, members need to support them by either spreading the word to others, buying tickets themselves or offering prizes for the raffles. Membership is not just an entitlement to lower fees, there is an expectation that members will also look at how they can contribute themselves to make the Association stronger. Many thanks as ever to those volunteers, who plan and organise these activities; it is much appreciated.

Centre Operation: The amount of money raised from hall hire fell by £2054 from £60,323 to £58,408. One-off hires decreased around £1K on the previous year, although there were actually a few more events. This is probably because children, rather than adult, parties continue to be more popular in both halls, which meant that the bar was only used sporadically. However, the takings of the Downsview Bar Company were healthy enough for it still to pay its annual rent of £5,000. The fall in hire takings from the regular bookings was because several clubs either reduced the number of times they used the centre or were forced to cancel because of lack of numbers or during one part of the year because of an outbreak of vandalism in the car park. By the end of this financial year, there was still something like 25 groups meeting regularly at the centre. While it is appreciated that occasionally cancellations will occur, it must be realised that a slot is being reserved for each group and it is perhaps unacceptable for this to happen too often, as it deprives an already inexpensive venue of valuable income. The possibility of a small cancellation fee might have to be considered so that the centre does not lose out entirely. The Downsview Lounge has continued to generate extra income - the Men's Health Clinic is running most months and the support for diabetics meets most weeks. The anti-smoking clinic was not well-supported and has been discontinued.

Electricity usage continues to be a major expense, especially as in recent months Snodland Town Council has begun to charge the Association for the power used on a shared meter. Even so, after adjustments the cost for the year had fallen by £863 from £13,373 (2024-25) to £12,510 (2025-26). The real figure for electricity for the last two years, therefore, has been £25,883. Our contract with Scottish Power is due to end on 31st October 2026 and we need to look for a new contract well before the end of the contract, as costs tend to increase in the autumn. The added complication is the Iranian war and whether it is likely to end in the near future. Sadly, while we were protected from the effects of the Ukraine war because we were tied into a three year contract with SSE, this will not be the case this time.

Water and sewerage is also another major expense, although there was only a slight increase this year from £3642 to £3662. With the proposed increases, this could add to our future commitments.

Maintenance: As the centre is a large building, it takes a lot to maintain and keep in good order. From a Health & Safety viewpoint, the fire alarm is tested weekly and serviced each year along with the fire extinguishers (£269.78) and the PAT testing of all electrical equipment (£253.20). Over the year, £7210 was spent on various electrical projects, which included among other things a complete survey of the centre's electrics, the installation of a new 3 phase distribution board with RCD protection (£2095), new wall lights in the hall and new or additional emergency lights around the building (£4165). The upkeep of the two defibrillators required less attention this year with just one requiring new pads.

A number of repairs were required over the year, either because of normal wear and tear or vandalism. The Paddlesworth corridor sprung a leak where the new building joined the old, after some lead was taken and some tiles were broken. With this and other jobs, £580 has been spent on the roof this year. Another high level window in the hall was broken by vandals and this is due to be repaired for just over £200 in the near future. Three fire extinguishers were also stolen by local youths during the year; thankfully the company which services them supplied three alternatives for £65. Much thanks are due to those volunteers who offer their time and skills to reduce what the Centre spends on repairs and maintenance.

Only £500 was spent on plumbing over the year compared to £2149 in the previous year. The water system has been completely surveyed and adjusted in the hope of ensuring the water is of the correct temperature. One problem is posed by the toilets in the Paddlesworth area where the water takes too long to warm up.

The air con system cost more to maintain this year. Two units in the Paddlesworth Rooms required new pumps during the year at a cost of £495. The annual service was completed in April, costing £518.40, which was the same as last year. The floor cleaner, which is vital for keeping the main hall floor in good order, needed a new hose and pads, as well as a repair to its charger, which cost £393, a drop from £628.

On a positive note, the Paddlesworth rooms and corridor were professionally painted with two coats of emulsion at a cost of £2351. The carpet was also cleaned as part of the process along with getting the beading on the doors repaired. Following the stage curtains being replaced last year, work has continued on this area of the centre with volunteers painting the walls black and the backdrop being replaced after many years. The costs for this, however, will be reflected in next year's accounts.

As is mentioned each year, the Centre is always reluctant to raise fees with the last increase July 2023. The Association does not exist to make large profits, but to provide an amenity that is affordable to most. It is feared that if the rates go too high, some smaller groups might have to fold. Even so, the Association has to act in a responsible and sustainable manner and with increased running costs, the issue of hire rates will have to be revisited.

Downsview bar accounts are available for the year ending 2025.

Summary: It has been pleasing to see how strongly the Community Centre has continued to perform over the last year and how it continues to fulfil its vital role in the community. The Association remains financially viable with sufficient funds to meet all future commitments.

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Snodland Community Association
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	281788
Charity's principal address	Paddlesworth Road
	Snodland
	Kent
	Postcode ME6 5DP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dilys Margaret Crook			
2	Christopher Howick			
3	Linda Howick			

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The charity is governed by a constitution.
How the charity is constituted	The charity is an unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are elected/appointed in accordance with the constitution.

Additional governance issues

The charity operates Snodland Community Centre. It works alongside a separately incorporated bar company (Downsview Bar Company Ltd), which operates independently but pays rent to the charity for use of facilities.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity's objective is to provide and maintain a community centre for the benefit of the residents of Snodland and surrounding areas.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity provides a community facility used by a wide range of local groups and individuals. The centre hosts regular clubs and societies as well as one-off events such as parties and community functions.
The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity also raises funds through events and receives income from hall hire, membership subscriptions and rental income from the bar operator.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Community Centre continued to be widely used during the year, generating a surplus of £10,177 (2025: £18,721).
A number of fundraising events were held, including quiz nights and music events.
The Centre continued to support community groups and activities, with approximately 25 groups using the facilities regularly.
Improvements and maintenance works were undertaken during the year, including complete repainting of one of the lobbies.
The bar operation continues to provide a steady rental income and supports the Centre's financial sustainability.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to meet ongoing maintenance and unexpected repair costs associated with the Community Centre.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

Total income for the year was £70,707 and total expenditure was £60,530, resulting in a surplus of £10,177.
The charity remains financially stable, with sufficient funds to meet its future commitments.

The charity's principal sources of income are hall hire, rental income from the bar operator, fundraising events, membership fees and bank interest.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. Certain historic balances have been adjusted where they did not represent current assets or liabilities.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C. J. Howick.	
Full name(s)	Christopher Howick	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	

Date	01/05/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Snodland Community Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2026	**Charity no (if any)**	281788
Set out on pages	See attached Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	01/05/2026
Name:	James Fisher		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MAAT		
Address:	12 Bermuda Road Whitstable CT5 3RX		

Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The Snodland Community Association	281788	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2025	To	31/03/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Interest	3,351	-	-	3,351	1,172
Fundraising	2,124	-	-	2,124	4,380
Gifts and donations	313	-	-	313	160
Downsview rental	5,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
Hall hire	58,408	-	-	58,408	60,323
Membership fees	810	-	-	810	898
Prior year income adjustment	701	-	-	701	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	70,707	-	-	70,707	71,933
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	70,707	-	-	70,707	71,933
A3 Payments					
Accountancy fees	924	-	-	924	924
Wages and subcontractors	5,691	-	-	5,691	6,023
Cleaning and laundry	7,023	-	-	7,023	7,099
Electricity	12,510	-	-	12,510	13,373
Fundraising events	917	-	-	917	2,264
Housekeeping	3,472	-	-	3,472	3,357
Repairs and renewals	13,594	-	-	13,594	11,861
Water	3,662	-	-	3,662	3,642
Insurance and licences	4,256			4,256	3,695
Sundries	518	-	-	518	973
Prior year expense adjustment	7,963			7,963	
Sub total	60,530	-	-	60,530	53,211
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,530	-	-	60,530	53,211
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,177	-	-	10,177	18,722
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	124,734	-	-	124,734	106,012
Cash funds this year end	134,911	-	-	134,911	124,734

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Current account	32,811	-	-
	Savings accounts	102,100	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	134,911	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment used in the community centre	unrestricted	-	20,000
Village hall building on land leased from Snodland Town Council	unrestricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
C.J. Howick	Christopher Howick	14/5/26.