CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES REPORT 2026

It is forty four years since the AVA trust deed was signed. We were seeing clients in this chapel every Tuesday ad Wednesday for several years before that. I find it amazing that we are still going strong supplying a local need for help and support particularly to the older population. We have had a good year for the number of clients we see for daycare and lunch club. We cannot manage without our volunteer helpers who give their time willingly. Although volunteer numbers are slightly down, the trustees are looking at how to remedy this. We thank all those volunteers for making AVA work.

Financially we are now on a sound footing. During and after the covid epidemic we were in trouble running AVA but our reserves helped keep us afloat. Lynda Storey has been our treasurer for the past year taking over from Andrew King. Thank you Lynda for all you do, we do appreciate it.

We have a kingpin in our organisation and that is our organiser Mandy. Mandy quietly gets things done and I cannot count the number of times that crises have occurred that Mandy has sorted. We are very fortunate to have Mandy who clearly loves her job and without her we would be the poorer. Thank you Mandy.

Another key person that makes AVA tick is Alison our cook. How she can make regular meals week in week out that our clients love is outstanding. Long may you continue to do so.

One other person that I want to praise is Jan Farrar our trustee and new secretary. You may remember that at our last AGM, Pam Sullivan retired. Jan has taken over and personally I am grateful for the smooth transition of secretaries. Jan is also our lead for updating the various policies and protocols needed for our charity. Jan, thank you very much.

Did you know that I live in North Burlingham which is near Knightsbridge? Many of you might have seen on television or the EDP that the new bridge on the A47 has been named in honour of Valerie Knights a founder trustee of AVA. Valerie was a dynamo that initiated the concept of AVA , she also kept blankets and a crowbar for road accidents, of which there were many, outside her house on the A47. You will be pleased to hear that AVA was mentioned in the press and local television obituaries, so thank you Valerie for the namedrop.

In Valerie’s final declining years she became a client of her own organisation so we all can feel proud that we still carry on as she would have wished.

		2024-25				2025-26	
			£				£
Bt Fwd bank balance			1,367.11				1,148.79
	Income				**Income**		
Tuesday Day Club	14,202.00				16,192.00		
Wedneday Luncheon Club	12,234.00				13,757.00		
Specific Funds					-		
Donations	3,702.77				2,975.54		
Fundraising eg. Raffles	379.00				959.00		
Concert	-				-		
Christmas dinner/ transport	205.00				-		
Misc	10.00				-		
Total Income	**30,732.77**				**33,883.54**		
	Expenditure				**Expenditure**		
Salaries		19,167.94				19,851.36	
EE & ER Pension						483.98	
Food		4,346.04				4,221.74	
Fuel		857.81				957.59	
Mileage		165.60				140.40	
Telephone		74.25				10.75	
Insurance		1,395.44				1,491.61	
Rent		5,126.00				4,917.00	
Vehicle Maintenance		1,462.65				1,561.90	
Miscellaneous		60.00				433.42	
Christmas Entertainment		353.00				590.00	
Independent Examination		75.00				75.00	
Printing		-				113.85	
Washing		135.00				100.00	
Purchase of items		-				-	
Tax (NI Employers)		232.36				-	
Total Costs		**33,451.09**				**34,948.60**	
Profit/Loss			**- 2,718.32**				**- 1,065.06**
CCLA Transfer	**2,500.00**				**2,500.00**		
Carry Fwd Balance			**1,148.79**				**2,583.73**
	Barclays a/c		**1,148.79**		**Barclays a/c**		**2,583.73**
	CCLA Deposit a/c		**8,410.14**		**CCLA Deposit a/c**		**6,222.03**
	CCLA Investment		**86,069.95**		CCLA Investment		**81,183.58**
	Float		40.00		Float		140.00
	TOTAL		**95,668.88**		**TOTAL**		**90,129.34**

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees (Charity Name) Acle Voluntary Aid Scheme

On accounts for the year ended 31/3/26 **Charity no (if any)** 285333

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material *respect:*

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 7-9-26

Name: FRED BOGGIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):	
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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	