Charity No. 289010

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2026

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THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

President	Mr D Barnard
Vice President	Mr I Barnard
Chairman	Mrs J Perry
Vice Chairman	Ms D Looker
Trustees	Mr D Barnard Mrs J Weavers Mr N Wood Mrs A Clarson Ms D Looker
Registered Charity Number	289010
Address	Craftability Dunmow Road Thaxted Essex CM6 2LU

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Independent Examiners	Bentens Chartered Certified Accountants Abbey House 51 High Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AF
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 12a Market Place Saffron Walden Essex
Object of charity	To relieve and assist physically disabled persons by providing facilities for rehabilitation, training and participating in creative communal activity for such persons under sheltered conditions.

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Trustees

No changes during the year.

Activities

The Centre continued to run its customary programme of twice-weekly sessions throughout the year. This included a Christmas party and Fayre, a visit Audley End and an Easter Fayre.

Our social-media presence continues to bring us broader interest from individuals, volunteers to assist and members to join. Our Facebook page was used successfully to sell goods produced by CraftAbility's members and volunteers.

We continue to have articles featured in the local press to help communicate who we are, what we do and our long history.

Financial Review

The accounts show the Centre had a surplus of £9,285 (last year a surplus of £8,822). Receipts from all sources were £36,746 which included £3,500 grants and £7,650 from major donations. Fundraising generated income of £9,023 and income from hire of the Centre increased to £3,995.

Payments were £27,461 including £17,764 transport charges.

Reserves

On 31 March 2026, our reserve was £40,661 (up from £31,376 at the previous year end).

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THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026 (Continued)

General

The Trustees have continued their policy of seeking support from local charities and donors rather than appealing to larger-scale organisations. This seems to be sustainable for the longer term providing we continue to seek all available opportunities that arise. We organised local fundraising events with some success and generated £9,000 during the year.

We are very grateful for the support we have received from the Hunts and Yardleys charities in Thaxted, Uttlesford District Council and Dunmow Town Council. During the year we also received generous donations from Saffron Walden and Dunmow Rotaries, J Staines, the Wates family, The Gibson Walden Charity as well as many other donations from friends of the Centre.

We, and our members, continue to enjoy the essential service provided by Uttlesford Community Travel. This enables a number of our members to attend the Centre from locations outside Thaxted.

The Trustees continue to be indebted to the Centre Manager and all the volunteers that have given their time to help to make the Centre a valuable, creative, occupational and rehabilitative resource for those adults living in the Uttlesford area.

We are very grateful for the generosity of Bentens in examining and preparing the annual accounts at no charge.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf.

MS D LOOKER
TRUSTEE

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES 31 MARCH 2026

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;

Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Amanda Prentice FCCA

Signed A Prentice

Date 5/10/2026

BENTENS
REGISTERED AUDITORS
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS
SAFFRON WALDEN
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THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Total 2025
Receipts		
Sales and work done	614	1356
Grants	3500	6991
Donations	10760	14958
Gift Aid	-	353
Hire of Centre	3995	3098
Fundraising events	9023	4549
Members contributions	179	1041
Contribution to transport	7950	5263
Other income	270	-
	£ 36291	£ 37609
Payments		
Purchase of materials	238	197
Other purchases - chairs	-	3800
Transport costs	17764	13663
Electricity	1152	1160
Water	808	1504
Insurance and rent	1967	1503
Gas heating costs	579	1299
Honorarium	600	600
Repairs and renewals	637	1333
Telephone, postage and stationery	1298	921
Cleaning	1680	1563
Advertising	80	160
Celebration days and fayres		500
Depreciation of fixed assets	-	532
General expenses	658	580
	£ 27461	£ 29315
Interest received	£ 455	£ 528
Surplus/(Deficit)	£ 9285	£ 8822

The notes on page 9 form part of these accounts.

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	2026	2025
Assets		
Stock of materials	100	100
Equipment	-	-
COIF Charities Deposit Fund	11646	11191
Cash at bank		
Current account	28724	19295
Cash in hand	191	790
Net Assets	£ 40661	£ 31376

Represented by				
Accumulated fund				
Unrestricted Funds	31376		22554	
Restricted Funds	-		-	
Surplus / Deficit for the year	9285		8822	
Accumulated fund at end of year		£ 40661		£ 31376

Approved by the trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by

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MR D BARNARD

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MS D LOOKER

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Trustees

THAXTED CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WORKING NAME, CRAFTABILITY
NOTES ACCOMPANYING AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Receipts and Payments basis, under Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

b) Fixed Assets

Assets were fully written off.