THE ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, YEOVIL

Registered Charity No. 299552

The Forum, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3TL

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Annual Report for Year
1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Governing Document: Constitution of the Abbey Community Association

- Original document signed 18 May 1988.
- Amendment to revise the number of members required to form a quorum approved on 23 November 1994
- Amendment to vest property in the Official Custodian for Charities approved on 23 November 2008
- Amendment to revise the number of members required to form a quorum to ten approved on 12 October 2011
- Amendment to remove requirement for an audit of accounts if income is less than £25,000. Approved at Annual General Meeting 14 October 2015
- Constitution re-typed in entirety and an amendment made to audit the accounts annually if the income is greater than £250,000. Approved at Annual General Meeting 11 October 2017.
- New Constitution formally adopted on 11th July 2018
- Typing errors corrected 7th September 2020. (Association changed to Charity).
- Amendment of para 17(1) to allow User Groups to attend meetings without being a Trustee. Amendment of para 17(5) to indicate maximum number of Trustees. Approved at Annual General Meeting on 14 July 2021.

Charity land is vested in the Official Custodian for Charities

- Schedule: Freehold land registered at HM Land Registry under title no. ST74562
- Case no. 215410
- Sealing no. 1056
- Date 10/10/08

Names of Charity Trustees Serving during Year

Mr P Seib	Chair
Miss E Meecham	Deputy Chair
Mrs J M Lucas	Secretary
Mrs D Curtis	Treasurer
Mrs V Brown	
Mrs I Meecham	
Mrs P Boocock	

Names of User Group Representatives Serving during the Year

Mrs V Brown	2nd Preston Brownies
Mrs J Lucas	1st Preston Guides
Mrs I Meecham	Knit, Stitch and Natter
Miss E Meecham	1st Preston Brownies
Mrs P Boocock	WRA Keep Fit
Mr R G Brookes	Brympton Golden Oldies
Mr J Welch	) Dancers
Ms T Osborne	)

Objects of the Charity

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Brympton and North West Yeovil and their environs (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants 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

To establish or to secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called 'The Centre') and to maintain and manage or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of above objects.

The Association shall be non-party and non-sectarian in religion.

Organisation of Charity

- Number of elected Honorary Officers: 4
- Number of representatives of affiliated groups (one per group): 7
- Number of individual members living in the area of benefit (up to 14 under old Constitution): 2
- Number of co-opted members (up to 4): 0
- Number of paid staff: 0

Further Details of the Charity

- Name and address of bankers:
  Nat West Bank plc, 2 Hendford, Yeovil BA20 1TN
  Nationwide Building Society, 36 Middle Street, Yeovil BA20 1LA
- Independent Examiner: Albert Goodman LLP, Goodwood House, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton TA1 2PX
- Insurers: NFU Mutual, NFU Office, Park View, Eaglewood Park, Dillington, Ilminster TA19 9 DQ
- Sum Insured: £2,208,193 - Building. £30,325 - Contents.
- Deeds: Held by Battens Solicitors, Maltravers House, Petters Way, Yeovil BA20 1SH

Chairman's Report

2025-26 has been a year characterized by delivery, celebration and forward planning. As the Association moves toward our 35th anniversary this coming September, the Trustees have remained focused on ensuring the Centre remains a vibrant, well-maintained hub for the inhabitants of Brympton and North West Yeovil.

Last year we contracted our booking service (and some of the monthly functional checks that support ACA's discharge of health and safety responsibilities). The Committee does not consider the present bookings arrangement to be sustainable in its present form, so we are now exploring further modernization through adopting the "Hallmaster" booking/payment system, and also introducing keyless entry, to improve the user experience and to streamline administration. This work reflects our commitment to making the Centre as accessible for the community as possible, even as we navigate the challenges of volunteer recruitment which still affect many local charities.

Community spirit remains at the heart of our operations. A standout moment this year was the recognition of the Brympton Golden Oldies (BGOs), who received the Chair's Award for Service to the Community from Somerset Council, now displayed in the foyer. Their dedication exemplifies the "Public Benefit" our Association strives to facilitate.

All of our voluntary user groups, and most of the commercial activities at the Centre, deliver significant local well-being, benefiting residents from the very youngest upwards through opportunities in leisure, education, activity and social contact. We also facilitate external activities that benefit the neighbourhood, for example by providing storage of equipment for the Brympton Litter Pickers. Recently, the Trustees decided that they would also consider acting as a guarantor for community events, such as theatrical productions at the centre, to ensure that a voluntary organiser's personal financial risk does not act as a barrier to local engagement or event delivery. This will be on a case-by-case basis and must be aligned with our charitable purpose as stated in the Constitution.

Infrastructure resilience has been a priority this year. We have successfully addressed a recurring issue with the hot water system and completed essential maintenance and repairs on the MVHR and air-conditioning units to ensure user comfort. We installed new fencing and additional CCTV coverage at the rear of the building, ensuring a safer environment for all. The paths around the centre were cleared of overgrowth and we are also in the process of replanting the front of the centre to make the approach more appealing.

These achievements are a testament to the quiet dependability of our Management Committee arrangement and the Trustees, who are ultimately responsible. I must specifically thank our Secretary, Jenny, whose meticulous oversight of our contracts and acquisitions remains indispensable. Thank you also to Debs our Treasurer and Emma my Vice Chair, both of whom help keep the Association running smoothly.

As we look forward to our 35th-anniversary celebrations on Saturday, 19th September 2026, we remain mindful of long-term sustainability for the Charity, particularly the ongoing planning and provision of financial reserves held against anticipated replacement and maintenance expenses.

The Association has always taken a wide and long-term view on sustainability generally including environmental impacts. We are still benefitting financially from the photovoltaic array installed over ten years ago, in collaboration with the South Somerset Community Energy Society. These supply our daytime electricity needs from spring to autumn and reduce the Centre's carbon footprint. Nevertheless, we continually fine tune the setting of controls for the air source heat pumps, lighting, boiler and pumps to minimise cost and ensure we tread lightly on the environment. We minimise the generation of waste by the centre, and we re-use or donate in preference to recycling. We encourage hall users to do the same.

On behalf of the Trustees, I thank our members and casual users for their continued patronage through the past year. We look forward to celebrating our shared history and our future with you all this autumn.

Treasurer's Report
Our income for the year was £45,941 and our expenditure £43,172.

We have a Nationwide Deposit account, but we have to give 95 days' notice to gain access to our money. However, interest rates are starting to reduce as the bank base rate goes down.

We end the year with a bank balance of £13,952 with £44,622 in the Nationwide Deposit Account and £12,246 in the NatWest Business Reserve account. We are in a healthy position. However, the footfall through the doors each week is considerable, and the building takes a lot of wear and tear. We need to ensure that we have sufficient funds to keep the building in good repair. Some of the floor boards in the main hall are deteriorating and replacing such a large-sprung floor will be in excess of £35,000.

Booking Secretary's Report
Somerset Skills and Learning had a block booking for two days per week in the Parish Room. This arrangement ceased in July together with the French lessons. We secured new regular bookings from SASP and the Mark Clarke Mediumship, during the year, but regrettably both have now finished for varying reasons. Helen Laxton started tap classes during the year, but regrettably there was not enough interest to warrant their continuation.

On a more positive note, several valuation days have taken place in the Community Centre, Motiva8 hold regular bingo sessions in the Community Centre, and other groups use the Centre for their fundraising activities.

We appreciate the bookings of regular users, and we are often contacted requesting a regular spot during the evening, but there are few slots available.

The hall has many bookings and we sometimes have to cancel users' sessions because of elections or essential maintenance. We are grateful for regular users' co-operation in this respect. We try to move the maintenance to various days of the week or in the school holidays.

The Community Centre continues to be a popular venue for children's parties, Christmas parties and various other celebrations within the local community during the year.

Approved by: .....

Chairman: Peter Seib

Approved by: J. M. Lucas

Secretary: Jenny Lucas

Date: 10/6/2026

The Abbey Community Association
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Independent examiners report to the Trustees of The Abbey Community Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for The Abbey Community Association ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity'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 2011 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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

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.



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Date: 24 June 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Abbey Community Association	299552

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01 April 2025		31 March 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 (as restated) to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hire of Hall and Equipment	44,303	-	-	44,303	46,902
Interest	1,638	-	-	1,638	1,975
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	45,941	-	-	45,941	48,877
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,941	-	-	45,941	48,877
A3 Payments					
Power, Water, Sewerage,Waste, WiFi, Phone	9,281	-	-	9,281	8,569
Stamps and Stationery	27	-	-	27	62
Booking Secretary Fees	2,626	-	-	2,626	270
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	148
Returned deposits	4,927	-	-	4,927	5,968
Refunds	132	-	-	132	-
Insurance	2,999	-	-	2,999	2,089
Rent and Quarterly Charge	526	-	-	526	665
Licenses and Membership	580	-	-	580	656
Cleaning and Consumables	10,666	-	-	10,666	11,648
Maintenance and Refurbishment	9,438	-	-	9,438	9,522
Accountancy	576	-	-	576	600
Sub total	41,778	-	-	41,778	40,196
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Office equipment	1,394	-	-	1,394	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,394	-	-	1,394	-
Total payments	43,172	-	-	43,172	40,196
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,769	-	-	2,769	8,681
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,051	-	-	68,051	59,370
Cash funds this year end	70,820	-	-	70,820	68,051

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	13,952	-	-
	Nationwide Deposit Account	44,622	-	-
	Natwest Business Reserve Account	12,246	-	-
	Total cash funds	70,820	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Land at The Forum Yeovil	Unrestricted	-	-
	Abbey Community Centre	Unrestricted	-	-
	Play Area/Fencing	Unrestricted	-	-
	Bar Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Cleaning Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Tables and Chairs	Unrestricted	-	-
	Kitchen/Catering Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Audio Installation	Unrestricted	-	-
	TV Monitor /CCTV	Unrestricted	-	-
	Various office equipment	Unrestricted	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Deposits held	Unrestricted	-	
	Accountancy and Independent Examination	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. Meecham	PETER SEARS	10/6/26
		EMMA MEECHAM	10/6/26