Trustee Report 2025

I’m just going to give you a very short run down regarding what has been happening within the CC and with WCA.

In the past year we have run events like coffee mornings, the fete, fun food & fireworks. We had a wine tasting and we did all the catering for the Tractor Rally. It was the first year we had our very own Christmas tree, and we all gathered for an official switch-on and we had the Xmas Fayre which is always popular. The quiz was hugely successful as always, thanks to Nigel Bond.
Our biggest income at the CC is hall hire, we decided last year that hiring the hall would be the best product for income to help with the upkeep of the hall.

We now have The Inclusive Kitchen here, who do cookery classes for SEND children and they will be running all their online events from the CC later this year.

We have Season’s Art Group here twice a week producing some masterpieces and the regulars like our Keep Fit Class, Circuits, and The Astronomy Club.

Hall hire for adult & children’s parties and weddings have increased dramatically and we are getting excellent feedback from hirers about how wonderful our hall really is and how competitive our prices are in comparison to other halls in the area.
Other income for us is:
Bottle bank £1,250 (which we will lose this year due to new recycling scheme)
Clothes Bank – £325
Gift Aid £1,735 (Thanks to a massive effort from Di Howe who managed to go through all fundraising over the past 3 years to collect this amount)

This year we have been making lots of improvements to the CC to encourage more hirers.

We have added a new Projector Screen to the back of the hall.

Completely redecorated the Committee Room and thanks to Mark & Silvie Hailey, we had a van trip to collect some fantastic office furniture, which has improved the aesthetic of the committee room dramatically.

Completely redecorated the hall to a much brighter and neutral colour, which seems to have attracted more weddings & parties. We have even decorated the bar area to bring it up to date.

We have just added solar panels thanks to a 2-year struggle with grants, thanks to Garry C who struggled through and with some solicitors and their large fees…. the solar is now up and running and we should hopefully start seeing a reduction in our enormous electric costs.

Along with another grant, we have just received some lighting which is waiting to be erected by Derrick King. This should improve visibility in our carpark dramatically.

We have added with the PC a new noticeboard and we are awaiting our new village hall sign just to make the CC more visible from the road.

The Whepstead Community Association

Financial Activities Comparison
January-December, 2025

	Total
Income	
Alford Storage Recycling Credits	324.81
Events	
Events 2025	
Car Boot 2025	219.83
Coffee Morning 2025	274.95
Fireworks November 25	3,323.44
Quiz night 2025	1,064.20
Summer Fete 2025	3,217.87
Tractor Rally 2025	2,372.88
Wine Tasting 2025	494.76
Xmas Fayre 2025	1,322.62
Total for Events 2025	**£12,290.55**
Total for Events	**£12,290.55**
Gift Aid	1,735.20
Hall Hire	
Hall Hire Bookings	£17,241.00
Hall Hire	
Deposit Return 2025	-3,405.00
Total for Hall Hire	**-£3,405.00**
Hall HIre 2025	
Bookings taken in 2025 for 2026	1,456.00
Total for Hall HIre 2025	**£1,456.00**
Total for Hall Hire Bookings	**£15,292.00**
Total for Hall Hire	**£15,292.00**
Hall Hire 2025	
Hall hire	
Hall Hire 25	0.00
Total for Hall hire	**£0.00**
Total for Hall Hire 2025	**£0.00**
Lighting Grant	4,800.00
Newsletter	
Newsletter Income	
Newsletter	
Newsletter	896.00
Total for Newsletter	**£896.00**
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Total for Newsletter	**£896.00**
Rents & General Income	
Bottle Bank	1,250.03
Donations	66.00
Gnome Jack	102.00
Total for Rents & General Income	**£1,418.03**

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	Total
Vodaphone income	149.94
Total for Income	**£36,906.53**
Total	**£36,906.53**
Expenditures	
Assets 2025	1,174.24
Bar Expenses 2025	532.69
Cleaner	
Cleaning	1,856.25
Cleaning Supplies	540.11
Total for Cleaner	**£2,396.36**
E Fire 2025	183.00
Event Expenses	
Car boot	233.10
Coffee Morning Exp	9.64
Fete	1,204.31
Fun Food & Fireworks	1,252.90
May Wine Tasting	13.50
Quiz Night	717.38
Tractor Rally	907.09
Tree Lighting 2025	50.10
Xmas Fayre	134.45
Total for Event Expenses	**£4,522.47**
License	£20.00
Ionis	25.20
Premises License 25	70.00
PRS/PPL	162.00
Total for License	**£277.20**
May 8th beacon Lighting	-£120.79
Event Expenses	120.78
Total for May 8th beacon Lighting	**-£0.01**
Office & General Expenses 2025	
General Expenses 2025	£4,001.99
Council Tax 25	210.64
Hiscox	2,317.68
Intuit 25	469.20
Mileage	376.65
Phone expenses 2025	180.00
Printing Postage & Stationery	119.77
Total for General Expenses 2025	**£7,675.93**
Total for Office & General Expenses 2025	**£7,675.93**
Play Area	
Play Area Expenses	5,408.92
Total for Play Area	**£5,408.92**
Solicitor's Fee	1,230.40

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	Total
Utilities	
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EDF	1,514.89
Oil Delivery	500.71
Waste	204.79
Wave	203.20
Window Cleaning Community Centre	125.00
Total for Utilites	**£2,548.59**
Total for Utilities	**£2,548.59**
Vodaphone	347.28
Total for Expenditures	**£26,297.07**
Net Operating Income	**£10,609.46**
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**£10,609.46**

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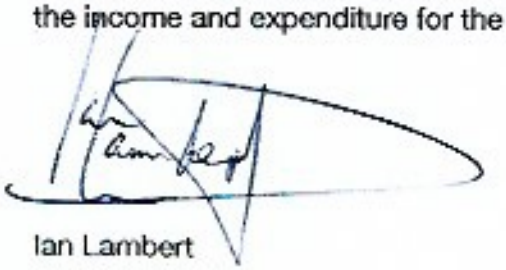
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16th September 2026

To: The Committee
Whepstead Community Association

Review of Whepstead Community Association Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

This letter is to confirm that I have reviewed the Whepstead Community Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 and that I am satisfied that the accounts fairly and accurately reflect the income and expenditure for the year.



Ian Lambert