



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 01 01 2023 To Period end date: 31 12 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name: Ashford (Middlesex) Community Association

Other names charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any): 305122

Charity's principal address: The Community Centre

Woodthorpe Road

Ashford

Postcode:

TW15 3NJ

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	Alan Pearson			
2	Paul Bona			
3	Jan Pratt			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Alan Pearson	
Jan Pratt	
Paul Bona	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected by membership at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the Association are to promote the benefits of the inhabitants of Ashford, Staines, Feltham, and the neighbourhood. 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 by operating a Community Centre, and to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

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 main activity of the Association is to operate a Community Centre which has two halls, a meeting room, a bar, and a darts/pool room. The main hall is available for occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, and parties in general. It is also available for regular weekly or monthly bookings for any activity such as keep-fit, line-dancing, playgroups, blood donations, etc. The smaller hall is available for smaller versions of the above, and is suitable for educational purposes. The meeting room is available for meetings and is also suitable for educational purposes. The bar is available, on request, for any of the above activities. The darts/pool room is available for local teams to utilise.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The trustees are all unpaid volunteers. There is also a small number of paid staff who maintain the building, the services provided, and administration.

Small grants can be made to local charities, but this is not a significant part of the operation. Practically all income is spent on maintaining the building and services provided.

There are no investments except the bank deposit account.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has not been much different from last year, or indeed previous years. We seem to have found our niche, but are always open to new ideas for using the centre.

During this year we have provided facilities for a diverse range of activities including language classes, soft play for children, slimming, and a variety of dance activities: tap, children, ballroom, Zumba, Pilates and the ever-popular line dancing.

On the more sporting side we have had karate/self defence and, of course darts and pool.

As well as the regular activities above we have also accommodated wedding and birthday parties, wakes, pantomime, and a New Year's Eve celebration.

Away from the public gaze we continue to maintain the building and the services provided within it to a good standard.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A non-specific deposit account is held for unexpected contingencies.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Almost all income is derived from hiring out the halls and bar takings.

The only investment policy is that any surplus is used to improve the facilities offered.

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)		
Full name(s)	Alan Pearson	PAUL BOND
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE

Date 21.2.2025