Duffield Community Association
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 2025
For the period 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025

Charity Registration Number: 502399
Trustees: Judith Hooker
Kathryn Busman

There were no changes to the Executive Committee or the Trustees of the Duffield Community Association during 2025:

- Margaret Matthews Higgins was unanimously re elected as Chair
- Kathryn Busman was re elected as the Treasurer of the DCA.
- Nigel Hooker continued as President of the DCA

Compliance and Constitution

- The updating of our Constitution and the transfer to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) has progressed and has been submitted to the Charities Commission for approval.
  Meanwhile we remain an Association with only 2 Trustees.
- We can confirm that our internal financial controls have been reviewed in 2025, with online banking rules and payment approvals being of particular focus.
- Emma Longmore was reappointed as Independent Examiner in 2025. She is a qualified Accountant with audit experience.

Reserves Policy

Our Reserves Policy has been reviewed and remains that we aim to maintain reserves of £30,000. This is to ensure financial cover should there be a major incident at the time of the Carnival, such as a flood, disrupting the event to the extent of cancellation resulting in little income but significant advance expenditure. (Note that Eyes Meadow, the location of the Carnival is on the flood plain of the River Derwent and has incurred flooding on several occasions including in October 2023).

Our Reach within the village of Duffield

In line with the Objects of our Constitution, we aim to reach as many residents as possible through our Projects; our Events and the surplus funds we can contribute back into Affiliate Organisations in the Village.

Our monthly newsletter is printed in the Duffield Scene, which is distributed to every resident in the village.

In 2025, 36 Village Organisations were Affiliate Members, all involving local residents.

The Carnival and our Firework Display were both very successful events attracting a large number of people, the majority of whom were from Duffield.

We also held a Front Garden Competition and awarded Garden Centre vouchers to the winners.

Projects

- The Defibrillator Project is now complete in terms of the installation of defibrillators. In 2025, the final installation was completed at the Duffield Service Station on New Zealand Lane.

  Whilst this completes the installation phase, the Project is ongoing in terms of checking and maintenance. Thanks go to volunteers who check our defibrillators on a weekly basis to ensure they are in working order with no faults. The DCA has the ongoing liability to replace batteries and pads in accordance with regulations.

  In 2025, we held a CPR Training session. This was well attended and it is planned to hold a further session in 2026.

- The display of daffodils on our grass verges in springtime brightened up the entire village.

  Thanks go to volunteers for helping with planting.

- We continue to maintain Wirksworth Road Corner; the Rose Garden and Chapel Street Corner, and have finally received formal approval from Derbyshire County Council to upgrade Chapel Street Corner in 2026.

- We funded, erected and dismantled Christmas Trees along Town Street, again with the help of volunteers. As in 2024, we staged a succesful event to celebrate the switching on of the lights including carol singing and free mulled wine.

Events

- Carnival week was a great success and the weather was kind to us. The theme of the 2025 Carnival was Outer Space. This Event took place over one week at the end of June, and included a Family Treasure Hunt; the Duffield 5 Fun Run; a BBQ and an Afternoon Tea both funded entirely by the DCA; plus the Carnival itself on Saturday 28th

- June. Planning and organizing was ongoing for most of the year and thanks go to the Carnival Crew lead by Steven Evanson.

- The Fireworks Event was very successful and well attended and again the weather was good. Thanks go to our President Nigel Hooker for organising this event.

Project Funding

In 2025, we provided funds totalling £4.5k to 8 Affiliate Organisations, all benefiting elements of the Community ranging from children at our local schools; to the Millenium Meadow and the EVR. We also gave a donation to Cloughs to pay for a new bin.

Under the guidance of our Chair, we have a number of new Projects planned for 2026, including the aforementioned upgrading of Chapel Street Corner

Finally, thanks go to the Members of the Executive Committee and other Volunteers particularly the Carnival Crew without whom our activities could not happen.

Signed on behalf of The Trustees



Kathryn A. Busman

29 March 2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Duffield Community Association		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	502399
Set out on pages	5-7 (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 **31 / 12 / 2025**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	E Longmore	**Date:**	31/03/2026
Name:	Mrs E Longmore		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCA		
Address:	21 Castle Hill Duffield DE56 4EA		

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DUFFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions	1,717	2,577
Donations	296	1,007
Defibrillator Donations	25	-
Interest Received	24	25
Carnival and Bonfire Night	45,375	37,272
TOTAL INCOME	**47,437**	**40,881**
EXPENDITURE		
Carnival and Bonfire Night	28,029	26,527
Newsletters	1,800	1,650
Donations to Affiliates	5,524	4,439
Christmas Lights, Trees, and Cards	1,370	2,239
Defibrillators	2,112	194
Insurance	354	370
Printing & Stationery / Administration/Gifts	75	267
Room Hire	50	110
Common Areas Renewal and Maintenance	956	1,462
Bank Charges	60	60
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**40,330**	**37,318**
NET SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	**£7,107**	**£3,563**

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DUFFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CARNIVAL and BONFIRE NIGHT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Carnival		
Ticket Sales	23,230	14,381
Duffield Five Fun Run	1,045	1,168
Other Events during Carnival Week	58	61
Carnival Express	-	513
Advertising (Programme Adverts)	2,265	2,560
Stall Bookings	1,305	1,610
Donations from Vendors	4,079	5,136
Total Carnival Week	**31,982**	**25,429**
Bonfire Night		
Ticket Sales	12,659	11,009
Stall Bookings	235	-
Donations	416	767
Total Bonfire Night	**13,310**	**11,776**
Bank Interest	**83**	**67**
TOTAL INCOME	**45,375**	**37,272**

	2025	2024
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
Carnival		
Online Ticket Fees (Ticket source Sumup, Paypal)	711	483
Entertainment (incl Bands)	6,557	5,114
Programme Printing	2,264	2,420
Marquee and Sundries less Dynamoes contribution	2,696	2,438
Mobile Toilets Hire	1,740	1,980
First Aid Support	1,440	1,200
Security	1,185	1,330
Insurance	847	744
Bins , setting up, and Clearing up Sundries	870	1,140
Water Taps for Toilet Area	-	260
Sundries	405	723
Duffield Five Fun Run		
Misc/Expenses	33	53
Hire of PA and Clock	100	95
First Aid Support	252	216
Trophies and Medals	408	473
Online Ticket fees and VAT	-	52
BBQ	275	205
Afternoon Tea	157	-
Carnival Express	-	475
Total Carnival Week	**19,940**	**19,401**
Bonfire Night		
Online Ticket Fees (Ticket source Paypal)	752	622
Fireworks	5,000	4,500
Security	306	295
Insurance	572	566
First Aid Support	504	432
Clearing Up and Support	250	250
Audio System	240	216
Various	285	156
Total Bonfire Night	**7,909**	**7,037**
Other		
Admin and sundries	120	-
Bank Charges	60	89
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**28,029**	**26,527**
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	**17,346**	**10,745**

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DUFFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
ASSETS		
CAFBank Main Account	12,691	8,918
CafBank Carnival Account	43,328	41,290
Debtors and Prepayments	1,344	-
TOTAL ASSETS	**57,363**	**50,208**
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(£2,256)	(£2,208)
Provisions	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**(£2,256)**	**(£2,208)**
NET ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	**55,107**	**48,000**
REPRESENTED BY:		
Balances Brought Forward	48,000	44,437
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	£7,107	£3,563
RESERVES	**55,107**	**48,000**

The Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025 shows an accumulated fund of £55,107 which properly reflects the financial position of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Kathryn Busman

Date: 29.3.2026