

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Year Ended 31st December 2024

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024

Achievements and Performance

It has been another busy time for the Association and the Community Centre. On a practical level, we continue to maintain and manage the building. Regular cleaning is undertaken by a local firm and wherever possible we engage local people to carry out any repairs or maintenance required. Particular thanks to Heather Hayes and her husband, and to Vic Wodhams, all three of whom always seem to be on hand to solve the myriad of problems that arise throughout the year.

A storage battery was installed in April 2023 and this, in conjunction with the solar panels has led to a considerable saving in our electricity consumption. The storage battery only has the capacity to store electricity through a daily cycle, but it does mean that electricity generated during the day can be stored to provide electricity for lighting evening events. However, in recent months we have negotiated a tariff for us to sell our unused electricity back to the supplier. This means that all of the electricity we generate from the solar panels is being used for the benefit of the Community Centre. Furthermore, the extraordinarily sunny summer months that we have experienced this year means that we have actually earned more from selling our electricity than we have paid to buy electricity this summer. My thanks to Simon Batey for all his work on this.

We continue to provide regular weekly exercise sessions at the Centre, to suit all ages and levels of activity: Tai Chi, Pilates, Yoga, Karate, Gentle Yoga and Gentle Keep Fit, and the rather more energetic Aluto Fitness and Wellbeing. All are well supported by Kingsley residents – in fact the Aluto class has expanded to cover two nights a week.

Loose Connections, a local rock pop band, Highfield Choir and Ashton Sings continue to put on events at the Centre; all attract large and appreciative audiences. Each December, Kingsley St. John's School puts on their Nativity Play at the Centre, and pupils and teachers attend the MacMillan Coffee Morning that we host at the Centre in September each year. I am particularly proud of the warm and strong relationship that exists between the Community Association and Kingsley St. John's, built up over many years; we always look forward to engaging with them.

The Friday fortnightly coffee club continues to be well supported and clearly fulfils a need in the village. Thanks to Stephanie and her team for organising the morning and for bringing so many to the Centre for coffee, cake and a chat. Ear Clear still operate their Ear Wax Removal Clinic in the Green Room at the Centre.

The Centre also hosts on a Thursday evening, on the extension car park, the family run fish and chips business 'Just for You'. Arthur's Pizzeria also sets up and sells from the car park on a Tuesday evening. Both enterprises are proving to be very popular. We provide a new service this year: on a Friday afternoon Ross's Rolls uses the Community Centre kitchen to sell his ready-made take-home pies and rolls.

The Centre became a polling station for the Bye-Election held in May 2025.

Steve Easton continued this year to do a sterling job of editing Kingsley News which is delivered to every household in the village and is available digitally. Thanks to Steve, to Simon and Jane for the printing, and Carol Rowlands for co-ordinating its distribution throughout the village. And of course, thanks to our willing band of volunteers who deliver Kingsley News for us each month.

I am sorry to say that Steve will be editing his final Kingsley News in December this year. He is standing down because of time constraints and ongoing commitments. Our grateful thanks to Steve for all that he has done. We are advertising for a new editor and are hopeful that someone in the village will step forward to take on this interesting and rewarding role. Since coming to Kingsley over twenty years ago I have regarded Kingsley News as a vital part of Kingsley Community Association's continuing communication with the village residents. Not everyone has access to social media, and I know from personal experience how many do rely on - and appreciate - the information contained within it, and the efforts of the volunteers who make its publication possible. I look forward to welcoming a new editor to take it over in due course.

Kingsley Players and Kingsley Players Youth Theatre have continued with their performances at the Centre throughout the year. Kingsley Players put on *Allo Allo Goodbye Goodbye* in November 2024. Kingsley Players began their fundraising performances of *Allo Allo* back in November 2003 and 21 years later put on their final performance. Over the years they have raised many thousands of pounds for a wide range of charities, and we extend to them our grateful thanks. In February 2025 we enjoyed their performance of *Annie* and in May we were treated to *The Importance of Being Earnest*. We are so fortunate to have such a talented team of Players here on our doorstep and of course all of the backroom staff who work so hard together to bring these performances to fruition.

The Kingsley Youth Theatre continues to thrive. In October 2024 they received national recognition from the president of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association for its production of *A Monster Calls* in March 2024. They were one of only 10 productions from across the country to receive this Presidential Commendation. Our congratulations go to Jake Powell and his talented young Players.

My thanks go to all of our associated groups for their continued use of the Kingsley Community Centre.

My thanks to fellow Committee Members for their continuing hard work, all undertaken, thankfully, with good humour. Particular thanks to Heather Hayes for all that she does in the day to day running of the Centre and in ensuring that we maintain our amicable working

relationship with each of the groups and the private hirers using the Centre. A great deal of the work that Heather does is behind the scenes: it is fully recognised and appreciated by her fellow committee members.

Finally, my hope for the coming year is that we can build upon our successes by attracting other Kingsley residents to join with us in bringing to Kingsley Community Centre events that can be enjoyed by people supporting this great village facility.

Financial Review

The accounts show a surplus of £10,399 (2023: £1,880). Although both income and expenditure increased this year, the greater increase in income explains the increased surplus compared to 2023. (**Income** 2024: £41,536, 2023: £26,508) (**Expenditure** 2024: £31,137 2023: £24,628)

Kingsley Players, as well as regular bookings for group exercise classes, continue to be the main contributors to bookings income, increasing this year by 14% to £11,243, a record for the Centre.

Feed-in Tariff from our solar panels has remained steady at £3,250, a healthy contribution to the running of the Centre.

Running costs for the Centre, excluding depreciation, were £16,735, a decrease of approximately 5% compared to 2023, in contrast to the 17% increase between 2022 & 2023. Although there was a significant increase (£3,027) in Repairs/Serviceing and Cleaning (£779) costs, these were more than offset by an overall decrease in Utility charges (£1,648) and more importantly, no purchase of new equipment nor decorating costs. The cost of insurance decreased slightly.

The non-cash depreciation charge (the accounting annual 'cost' of our investment in capital assets, such as the building, solar battery, photocopier etc.) decreased by just over £200 between years, due to certain assets (including the stage & solar panels) having been fully depreciated during previous years.

Bar and Events produced a surplus of £11,305, an increase on the £2,707 achieved in 2023, which can be attributed to significant increases in both ticket sales and bar takings, especially due to a large event arranged in conjunction with Kingsley Players in late 2024. However, there was an associated increase (£3,468) in expenditure on both bar staff and bar goods.

Kingsley News made a surplus of £317; a significant decrease compared to 2023, with a 10% decrease in advertising revenue, as well as a 10% increase in printing & Paper Costs explaining this.

On the Balance Sheet, the decrease in the value of fixed assets can be attributed to the Depreciation charge of £2,192. The increase in current assets - increased cash in both Current and Savings accounts - was largely due to increased Bar & Events revenue.

For the current year, accrued income consisted of contributions from the Electricity refund and Feed-in Tariff, both thanks to the solar panels/battery, as well unpaid hire & advertising invoices, payments for which were received in January 2025. The prepayment figure applies to insurance and reflects the fact that the insurance policy runs over 2 financial years.

Bank balance stood at around £37,000 at the year-end and currently stands at around £41,000.

Elizabeth M. Batey

Chairman

October 2024

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Profit & Loss Account

	2024			2023		
	Income	Expenditur	Profit (Loss)	Income	Expenditur	Profit (Los
OPERATIONAL GRANTS & DONATIONS						
Kingsley Players	0.00			2,235.00		
Kingsley PC	0.00			100.00		
Other	1,114.91			0.00		
	<u>1,114.91</u>		1,114.91	<u>2,335.00</u>		2,335.00
CENTRE						
Bookings	11,242.50			9,845.00		
Feed-in Tariff	3,250.00			3,207.55		
Repairs & servicing		4,555.06			1,528.39	
Bar fridges		0.00			1,087.20	
Decorating		0.00			2,424.83	
Waste & waste water		1,242.66			332.08	
Electricity		1,012.00			1,391.54	
Gas		2,851.61			5,031.04	
Broadband		353.88			330.51	
Mobile phone		80.00				
Cleaning		2,328.98			1,550.08	
Insurance		1,130.77			1,315.59	
Licences		564.47				
Cheshire Community Action		50.00			50.00	
IT costs		261.59			68.38	
Depreciation		2,191.80			2,422.28	
Bank charges		111.96			126.54	
	<u>14,492.50</u>	<u>16,734.78</u>	-2,242.28	<u>13,052.55</u>	<u>17,658.46</u>	-4,605.91
BAR & EVENTS						
Ticket sales	12,078.00			1,712.00		
Event costs		4,266.92			0.00	
CRTA & Performance costs					1,221.00	
Takings	9,129.03			4,382.58	-1.00	
Bar staff		1,108.00			343.25	
Bar goods		4,526.76			1,823.89	
	<u>21,207.03</u>	<u>9,901.68</u>	11,305.35	<u>6,094.58</u>	<u>3,387.14</u>	2,707.44
KINGSLEY NEWS						
Advertising revenue	4,266.00			4,736.00		
Contribution towards costs	0.00			195.00		
Printing & paper costs		3,948.83			3,582.81	
	<u>4,266.00</u>	<u>3,948.83</u>	317.17	<u>4,931.00</u>	<u>3,582.81</u>	1,348.19
OTHER						
Sale of tables	240.00					
Sum Up reader		69.99				
Legal fees		439.00				
Flowers		42.98				
Interest	215.49			95.31		
	<u>455.49</u>	<u>551.97</u>	-96.48	<u>95.31</u>		95.31
TOTAL	<u>41,535.93</u>	<u>31,137.26</u>	10,398.67	<u>26,508.44</u>	<u>24,628.41</u>	1,880.03

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Balance Sheet

	2024			2023		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			46,106.64			48,298.44
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock						
Bar Stock	220.00			220.00		
Accrued income						
Bar income	0.00			90.00		
Hall Hire	545.00			750.00		
Advertising	900.00			600.00		
BG FIT	573.00			150.00		
Electricity refund	821.87					
Prepayments						
Insurance	537.14			426.51		
Cash in bank & in hand						
Bank Current Account	21,631.34			13,126.77		
Bank Reserve Account	15,312.12			10,106.63		
Cash	<u>130.00</u>			<u>130.00</u>		
			40,670.47			25,599.91
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accruals						
Utilities		753.24		797.50		
Photocopier		560.43		328.08		
Leak repair		<u>2,292.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>		
			3,605.67			1,125.58
NET CURRENT ASSETS			37,064.80			24,474.33
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>83,171.44</u>			<u>72,772.77</u>
Profit & Loss Account						
Brought Forward		72,772.77		70,892.74		
Surplus for the Year		<u>10,398.67</u>		<u>1,880.03</u>		
			<u>83,171.44</u>			<u>72,772.77</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>83,171.44</u>			<u>72,772.77</u>

Heather Jones
Treasurer

Heather Jones
11/9/25

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Notes to the accounts

											2024	2023
1. Fixed assets	Extension	Stage	Solar panels	Solar battery	Floor	Double glazing	Blinds	Photocopier	Total	Total		
Gross cost 1/1/24	117,296.51	15,500.00	17,868.37	10,256.40	9,317.24	3,029.18	842.40	1,620.00	175,730.10	165,473.70		
Additions									0.00	10,256.40		
Grants rec'd; prior years	75,188.46				4,658.62	1,514.59	421.20		-81,782.87	-81,782.87		
Net cost	42,108.05	15,500.00	17,868.37	10,256.40	4,658.62	1,514.59	421.20	1,620.00	93,947.23	93,947.23		
(Disposal)									0.00	0.00		
Cost 31/12/24	42,108.05	15,500.00	17,868.37	10,256.40	4,658.62	1,514.59	421.20	1,620.00	93,947.23	93,947.23		
Accumulated depreciation 1/1/24	4,030.25	15,500.00	17,868.37	683.76	4,658.62	1,514.59	421.20	972.00	45,648.79	43,226.51		
Charge for year	842.16	0.00	0.00	1,025.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	324.00	2,191.80	2,422.28		
(Disposal)									0.00	0.00		
Accumulated depreciation 31/12/	4,872.41	15,500.00	17,868.37	1,709.40	4,658.62	1,514.59	421.20	1,296.00	47,840.59	45,648.79		
NBV 31/12/24	37,235.64	0.00	0.00	8,547.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	324.00	46,106.64	48,298.44		

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

John Czerwonka

Date: 11 September 2025

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