Chairs Report April 2025 March 2026

Another good year and a productive year. Thanks to our team of willing volunteers and Trustees. We are always busy, keeping up to the task of repairing replacing and decorating the building, and replacing and changing furniture etc. A mammoth task that requires planning time and resources as well as finances. Thankfully we are busy and the income is steady to help maintain and keep our valuable village hall open and in good repair. We are supported by funders who help with decorating, furnishings and updating the hall to provide a safe space. We have a duty to the residents of Clayton and the surrounding areas to continue to ensure the hall is fit for purpose now and in the future.

We have hosted and organised many community events and activities we have had another successful year. A successful Mc Millan Coffee morning run by our volunteers. The Christmas fayre and Christmas lights switch on we hosted in partnership with Clayton Parish Council who have invested in many projects and initiatives. The summer fayre Remembrance Day we have hosted many local community events and milestones. Christmas parties. Panto performed by local young people a great success every year. Holiday activities for children to engage in the school holidays. The very successful Community Cinema great films and lovely company. These are just a few as I said I could go on for pages and pages. We will continue to be here for our community working in the community for the community.

The bookings are plenty and bring in the much needed and welcome revenue to carry on providing this service to our community.

We are open 7 days per week for numerous groups and organisations.

We are a community association, supported many groups by assisting with our knowledge and experience as a well-established charity and community organisation. We in turn have been supported with grants and funding from different sources. Clayton Parish Council have supported the Village Hall with many projects and assistance with funding for the Christmas Lights switch community event providing funds for the Tree outside the hall and the road closure etc. Fred Towler Trust continue to help with regular funds to replace chairs and other essential furnishings for the village hall to be a comfortable place to sit share and enjoy.

We have had another successful busy year in the **community café** a volunteer run service that is not just a food provider, it also provides much more to our regular customers. There is always a friendly welcome a space to meet and chat catch up with the local goings on, and to meet and make new friends.

The **Thursday craft class** is growing every week with new faces dropping in for a chat and help with knitting and all manner of other crafts and hobbies.

Playgroup Has reopened on a Tuesday morning and is a busy noisy activity as it should be. Child minder lead and resourced.

Bingo on Wednesday afternoon is a lovely friendly session with up to 20 plus regular attendees. We have increased the prize money which has been welcomed by our players.

Men's group on a Friday afternoon play cards and dominos, a nice afternoon in each other's company setting the world to rights.

Clayton Footpath group meet at the hall after the guided walks to enjoy a fresh warm sausage roll or Bacon sandwich. A nice way to finish off a walk. Just another reason we are determined to keep this venue open and welcoming.

Community Cinema continues to be a success with a good audience at all the showings and extra children's films during the school holidays as part of the holiday activity programme. Films enjoyed by all the family. A real community project run by a few volunteers but enjoyed by many.

These are just a few of the groups who meet and enjoy the Village Hall. We have many baby groups that meet Baby Sensory. Baby Ballet. Playgroup. Other groups include, Youth club, Tai chi, Martial arts, Women's institute, Yoga Pilates, Feel Better Bradford, Slimming World, West Yorkshire Back Gammon club, Clayton Parish Council, Bradford County Hospital Tent Laurel and Hardy club. Thursday exercise class. I apologise if I have left any one out.

The Trustees are all willing and keen to keep the community venue open for all to enjoy and use. Thanks to the few willing volunteers we will continue. If you would like to volunteer Please get in touch we need all the help we can get to ensure we can continue into the future.

Thank you for your support throughout 2025/2026

Carol Thirkill. Chair.

Clayton Community Association

Independent Examiners Report on the accounts

Report to the Management Committee (Trustees) Clayton Community Association

Accounts for the year end March 2026

The management Committee, as the charities trustees, re responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The management Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the charities Act 2011(the 2011Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

As the Independent Examiner, it is my responsibility to of the 2011 Act

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5((b) Act and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 disclosure in then accounts , and seeking explanation's from the Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not provide an express an opinion 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 matters have come to my attention

1. **Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements**
   a. **To keep accounting records in accordance with the 2011 Act and**
   b. **To prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act have 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.**

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Elisa Brown