



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st March 2024 Period start date to 28th February 2025

Period end date

Charity name: Earsdon & Wellfield Community Association

Charity registration number: 513679

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | The charity's objectives are to promote and support the communities of Earsdon, Wellfield, and the surrounding areas without distinction of gender, political affiliation, religious belief, or other opinions. We aim to enhance education and health by providing facilities for recreation and leisure activities, with the purpose of improving quality of life and promoting social welfare for local residents. Where individual group funds are limited, we seek cost-effective solutions to sustain their activities, such as reducing expenses through measures like discounted room hire. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | We provide clean, welcoming spaces for individuals to meet, learn, and participate in activities at an affordable cost. Our programme includes craft, health, wellness, and self-help sessions, alongside structured learning classes in various subjects. We also run Warm Welcome initiatives to reduce isolation and offer access to a library, equipment lending, and an emergency response service by way of a defibrillator. The centre also provides an electrical recycling service. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees and committee work within the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and follow set procedures in the execution of the operation |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | We do not make grants |

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| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | N/A |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | The Trustees extend their sincere gratitude to all the volunteers at the centre for their exceptional dedication and hard work, much of which often goes unnoticed by our beneficiaries. The smooth operation of the centre simply would not be possible without their invaluable contributions, which encompass everything from cleaning and maintenance to planning, opening, and the day-to-day running of the centre. |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>The community centre has become a focal point for positive change and social enrichment within the local area. It's trustees and committee remain proactive, constantly reaching out to invite new groups from the surrounding neighbourhoods, while also providing crucial support for smaller organisations to help them get established and flourish.</p> <p>The centre helps revitalise groups at risk of closure, ensuring that valuable services continue to be available to the community. When some groups have unfortunately ceased, the centre has successfully welcomed new ones to fill the gap, maintaining a vibrant and diverse range of activities.</p> <p>There has been an increased participation of ethnic groups, contributing to the centre's inclusive atmosphere and reflecting the rich diversity of the community it serves. At present, the centre hosts over thirty distinct groups, clubs and organisations, as well as private bookings by residents, underscoring its role as a dynamic hub of activity.</p> <p>Room allocations are planned thoughtfully during regular committee meetings, with careful consideration given to the benefit each activity brings to local residents. This is done in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines, always striving to maximise positive outcomes for the community. Energy efficiency is also prioritised, with the committee opting to use rooms that have already been heated wherever possible.</p> <p>The range of activities facilitated by the centre is impressive and varied, catering to an array of interests and needs. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Dance Academy |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four independent art groups • Three yoga groups • Two karate groups • Three Pilates classes • Numerous craft groups, such as needlework, ceramic painting, quilting, bookbinding, and calligraphy • Counselling and self-help sessions for support groups • Regular councillors' surgeries • Theatrical groups, including rehearsal spaces • Warm Welcome Sessions and groups aimed at combating isolation • Support for young musicians, providing them with time and space to hone their talents • Free First Aid and Defibrillator courses open to the entire community • Animal First Aid Courses provide by a local veterinary practise. • Local Music Festival <p>Each of these activities contributes significantly to the health, personal growth, and social cohesion of community, offering opportunities for learning, creativity, physical wellbeing, and companionship. In doing so, the centre actively helps to reduce isolation and creating a stronger sense of belonging.</p> <p>Additionally, the centre provides practical support through its loan aid equipment scheme, offering wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility aids to those in need. For a small donation, residents can also borrow a range of DIY tools and access equipment, further enhancing the centre's role as an invaluable resource for the community.</p> <p>With a footfall of approximately 26.500 the centre is a hub of the community.</p> <p>In summary, the community centre stands as a testament to the power of collective effort and local engagement, making a real and measurable difference to the lives of those it serves.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The centre not only continues to improve its environment but also remains committed to the ongoing reduction of its carbon footprint. Additionally, we are broadening the support we offer to the community. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The organisation is still seeking grants to fund the remaining phases of the roof replacement, window replacement, and photovoltaic (PV) project. |

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| | | We are also continuing our fundraising efforts through a range of activities, including music festivals and other events. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | N/a |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The Association in the year 2024 to 2025 had an income of £35.3 K and expenditure of £25.9 K leaving a surplus of £9.4 K. This is down on last year but we received no grants in the year 24 – 25 and we did not hold our annual fundraiser. Total assets at the end of the year including restricted/ ringfence funds totalled £56.5 K |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | We hold Running Expense Reserves in line with the Charity Commissions Policy; this covers 3 to 6 month running expenses in case of income problems. This totals £12.1K |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | Running expense reserves = £12.1 K Restricted / Ringfenced funds for major renovation work, as the building approaching 170 years old. It needs major work, and fundraising is presently underway to support the following work to keep the building going for a further 100 years. Capital repair / revitalisation to the following projects. So ringfenced funds of £40.0 K have been made towards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pointing and repair of stonework • Phase 3 of roof replacement • P.V and Battery Storage installation • Window replacement with double glazing. • General upgrade of the building |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | N/a |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | N/a |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | We have no uncertainties about the charity continuing. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | Main source of income is from room rentals. |
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| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | N/A |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | Loss of premises. This is a very low risk as the premise are leased from the local council, and we are fulfilling services that the council cannot service. |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document | Para 1.25 | Constitution |
| How is the charity constituted? | Para 1.25 | Unincorporated Association |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | All posts are by interview and then by election at a General Meeting in line with Charity Commissions guidelines |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | Bullying and harassment policy and procedures. Complaints handling. Complaints policy and procedures. Conflicting interests. Environmental Policy. Financial reserves policy and procedures. Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures. Internal risk management policy and procedures Risk management. Safeguarding policy and procedures. Serious incident reporting policy and procedures. Social media policy and procedures. Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures Trustee expenses policy and procedures. |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

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| Other | | |
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Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Earsdon and Wellfield Community Association |
| Other name the charity uses | EWCA |
| Registered charity number | 513679 |
| Charity's principal address | The Old School, 3a Church Way Earsdon Whitley Bay Tyne & Wear NE259JY |
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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 | Lynn Heckels | Chair | | By election at AGM |
| 2 | Catharine Lee Harle | Secretary | | By election at AGM |
| 3 | Leslie P Abernethy | Treasurer | | By election at AGM |
| 4 | Susan Hurst | | | By election at AGM |
| 5 | Andrew Bullock | | | By election at AGM |
| 6 | Mavis Reid | | | By election at AGM |
| 7 | Susan Carruthers | | | By election at AGM |
| 8 | Jason Breckon | | | By election at AGM |
| 9 | Elizabeth Cole | | | By election at AGM |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | N/a |
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| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | N/a |
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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| None |
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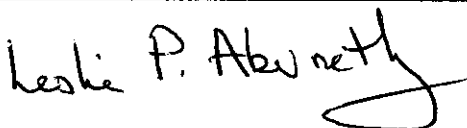
Other optional information

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| None |
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Lynn Heckels | Leslie P Abernethy |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | Treasurer |

Date

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| 27 th November 2025 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 1st March 2024 | To | Period end date 28th February 2025 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Rental Income | 29,505 | - | - | 29,505 | 24,554 |
| Functions | 3,864 | - | - | 3,864 | 3,521 |
| Sponsorship | 987 | - | - | 987 | 1,133 |
| Donations | 491 | - | - | 491 | 444 |
| Grant | - | - | - | - | 4,195 |
| Interest Barclays Bank | 383 | - | - | 383 | 173 |
| Interest NSI Account | 74 | - | - | 74 | 56 |
| Rounding Up Correction | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 35,304 | - | - | 35,304 | 34,075 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 35,304 | - | - | 35,304 | 34,075 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Rent | 1,635 | - | - | 1,635 | 1,765 |
| Utilities | 6,347 | - | - | 6,347 | 3,198 |
| Insurance | 1,526 | - | - | 1,526 | 1,451 |
| Cleaning Materials | 311 | - | - | 311 | 377 |
| Cleaning Fees | 3,917 | - | - | 3,917 | 3,479 |
| Licences | 21 | - | - | 21 | 21 |
| Telephone and Broadband | 660 | - | - | 660 | 615 |
| Equipment Purchases | 214 | - | - | 214 | 512 |
| Transport | 426 | - | - | 426 | 154 |
| Printing, Stationary and Postage | 135 | - | - | 135 | 204 |
| General Maintenance Labour | 4,292 | - | - | 4,292 | 3,074 |
| General Maintenance Materials | 1,153 | - | - | 1,153 | 956 |
| Projects | 772 | - | - | 772 | 1,269 |
| Functions | 3,558 | - | - | 3,558 | 4,948 |
| Sundries | 630 | - | - | 630 | 773 |
| Donations | 300 | - | - | 300 | - |
| Warm Welcome Supplies | - | - | - | - | 338 |
| Rounding Up Correction | 2 | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Sub total | 25,899 | - | - | 25,899 | 23,133 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 25,899 | - | - | 25,899 | 23,133 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 9,405 | - | - | 9,405 | 10,942 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 47,148 | - | - | 47,148 | 36,206 |
| Cash funds this year end | 56,553 | - | - | 56,553 | 47,148 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Barclays Current Account | 6,972 | - | - |
| | Barclays Savings Account | 42,145 | | |
| | NSI Account | 7,421 | - | - |
| | Cash In Hand | 15 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 56,553 | - | - |
| | <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small> | <small>OK</small> | <small>OK</small> | <small>OK</small> |

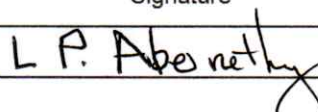
| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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|  | L P Abernethy | 12/10/2025 |



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Earsdon and Wellfield Community Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

28th February 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

513679

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/02/2025

**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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12th Oct. 2025

Name:

Malcolm Wilkinson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Local Government Accountant

Address:

C/O 3a Church Way,


Earsdon,

Whitley Bay

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

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For all organisations, it is important to have the relevant and proportionate controls in place covering its financial and other matters including both current and future operational issues. These controls include those carried out by the management of the association, the records in place and having those independently verified.

The Association's financial records have been tested within the period March 2024 to February 2025 and there are no areas of concern to raise with the Committee.

The work carried out included:

- Bank and cash balances from the previous accounts for 2023/24.
- The format of the cash book in use.
- Reconciliations throughout the financial year.
- Invoices and income.
- Maintaining agreed operational balances
- The programme of improvements in the centre
- Funding
- The independent test checking at Committee meetings regarding financial transactions
- Scanning a sample of the minutes

The format of the cash book/accounts continues to be improved, and these continue to provide the necessary information for both accounting and management information, in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission and for other management purposes.

The audit testing included examination of documents relevant to amounts and disclosures in the accounts and notes. This evidence was sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts and notes are free from material misstatement as well as demonstrating that there are adequate and effective controls in place.

In my opinion the audit work carried out fairly represents the situation of Earsdon and Wellfield Community Association for the year ended 28 February 2025 and will allow for the subsequent completion of the Charities Commission return. The Association has a very satisfactory financial situation.

The financial position at the year-end provides the stability required under the guidelines in terms of reserves compared with running costs and any future earmarked projects.

The Committee continue to receive the relevant information relating to the Association, to allow decisions to be considered and made.

In recognition and acknowledgement of the Committee's strengthening of governance arrangements in recent years, further, small, improvements could be made. These would include the minutes reflecting those members present who have considered/made decisions, as well as the final minutes for the year showing the projects relating to any earmarked balances.

Malcolm Wilkinson

12 October 2025

