GARFORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMANS REPORT TO THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

April 2026

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GARFORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

AS THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN SEPTEMBER 1973 THIS SHOULD BE THE 53RD AGM.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU MY REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION IN 2025.

FIRST OF ALL, I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS FULFILLED THEIR MAIN TASK IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION.

C. OBJECTS.

The objects of the association shall be:

i. to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Garforth and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organizations and inhabitants in a common effort 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.

ii. to establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain and manage or to cooperate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in the furtherance of the above objects.

IN SUMMARY THE PRIME FUNCTION OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO RUN THE HALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE HALL IS OWNED BY LEEDS CITY COUNCIL AND LEASED TO GCA.

OUR ANNUAL RENT HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE RELIEVD BY A SUBSIDY OR RENTAL SUPPORT GRANT OF 90 % .

BOOKING LEVELS THROUGHOUT 2025 WERE QUITE SATISFACTORY AND THE HALL CONTINUED TO BE VERY BUSY..

A LOT OF REGULAR BOOKINGS NOW SEEM TO BE FIRM FIXTURES AND HOPEFULLY WILL CONTINUE SO.

THESE INCLUDE :

THE CAMERA CLUB, TAE KWON DO, GULP THE UKULELE PLAYERS, YOGA, PATCHWORK PEOPLE, INDOOR BOWLS, THE ART GROUP, THE TEA DANCE, A TODDLERS PLAYGROUP, A PHOTOGRAPHERS STUDIO, BOWMEN OF LEEDS, AA MEETINGS, DAYSPRING CHURCH, ROSPA, TOWNSWOMENRS GUILD, HOME FARM TRUST, RNLI KARATE, W.I. SCOTTISH DANCING,BEE KEEPING,SALSA DANCING,THE REPAIR CAFÉ,FAMILY ART CLASS, ACOUSTIC GUITAR GROUP

CAROLINE ATHAS DANCE SCHOOL WAS AGAIN A VALUED AND VERY REGULAR USER OF THE HALL.

OTHER EVENTS TO MENTION FROM LAST YEARS PROGRAMME INCLUDE A MAGIC CONVENTION, A CONCERT BY GARFORTH BRASS, TWO PRODUCTIONS BY THE MUSICAL SOCIETY, TWO BOOKINGS FROM ST MARYS YOUTH THEATRE, THREE CHORAL CONCERTS, DANCING COMPETIONS AND EXAMS,THE START AND FINISH OF A MARATHON, TWO SATURDAY NIGHT FUND RAISING EVENTS, TWO BABY SHOWERS, A PLANNING CONSULTATION, A COUNTRY FESTIVAL, VARIOUS SATURDAY MORNING CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS, A 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY ,THE AUTUMN SHOW, A CHRISTENING PARTY AND 22 CHILDRENS BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

IF YOU CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO COME INTO THIS BUILDING EITHER WITH OUR REGULAR USERS OR INVOLVED WITH ALL THOSE ACTIVITIES I HAVE JUST LISTED THIS IS A VERY BUSY PLACE WEEK AFTER WEEK AND AN IMPORTANT HUB IN OUR COMMUNITY.

NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT THE HELP OF A NUMBER OF COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS.

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE ORGANISATIONS THAT HIRE THE HALL HAVE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELP IN SOME WAY. I AM SURE YOU ALL KNOW THEM.

MORE DIRECTLY LINKED TO GCA I WOULD LIKE TO THANK A FEW PEOPLE FOR THEIR TIME AND WORK.

CAROLE JINKS WITH THE UKELELE GROUP GULP

GORDON HALL AND OTHERS WITH THE ART GROUP

MALCOLM TAYLOR AND OTHERS WITH THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BOWLS GROUP

THE DANCERS ARE NOW TAKING TURNS TO PLAY THE MUSIC FOR THE TEA DANCE WHICH SEEMS TO WORK WELL. DIANE HELPS WITH SETTING UP AND PENNY AND DOREEN WORK HARD IN THE KITCHEN.

ONCE AGAIN OUR CARETAKER MICK AINSLEY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF TAKING CARE OF THE HALL WHICH IS ALWAYS IMMACULATE DESPITE ALL THE AWFUL PEOPLE WHO COME IN AND MAKE IT UNTIDY. HE ALSO COPES EXTREMELY WELL WITH THE MYSTERIOUS WORKINGS OF LCC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM AND THEIR MAINTENANCE PEOPLE – NOT AN EAST TASK BELIEVE ME!!

WE ALSO HAVE A LIST OF PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER TO OPEN THE HALL AND GREET USERS FROM TIME TO TIME. THIS IS MAINLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLUS HELEN FAULKENER. THIS IS A VERY VALUABLE AND APPRECIATED . A FEW MORE NAMES ON THE LIST WOULD HELP GREATLY.

WE DID MISS ONE OR TWO COMMITTEE MEETINGS EARLIER IN THE YEAR DUE TO ILL HEALTH (MINE MAINLY) BUT HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET BACK TO REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

MY THANKS GO TO, CAROL JINKS, MALCOLM TAYLOR, GORDON HALL, JANICE CASTEL AND JOHN SCOTT AN "UNOFFICIAL" MEMBER.

PARTICULAR THANKS GO TO DOREEN HAWKINS OUR BOOKING SECRETARY AND PENNY CASSIDY OUR TREASURER WHO DO ALL THE REAL HARD WORK THE PAPERWORK AND COLLECTING THE MONEY WHITHOUT WHICH WE COULDN'T FUNCTION.

BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO THE TREASURERS REPORT AND THEN ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2026 WOULD THE MEETING PLEASE ACCEPT MY REPORT FOR 2025.

THANK YOU

GCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT to 31st December 2025

2024	Income	2025
£ 27,983.45	Balance Brought Forward	£ 27,183.63
£ 41,738.10	Receipts from lettings	£ 45,467.93
£ -	Craft Exibition	£ -
£ -	The Garforth Show	£ -
£ 765.50	Bowls Club	£ 842.72
£ 616.10	Coffee Morning	£ 732.68
£ 1,490.00	Tea Dances	£ 1,085.00
£ -	Donations	£ -
£ -	Other Income	£ -
£ -	Xmas Lights Committee	£ -
£ 664.29	Bank Interest	£ 584.20
	Grants	
£ -	leeds City Council grant	£ -
£ -		£ -
£ 25.70	Donation F Hawkins	£ 100.00
£ 20.00	Donation Dance practice	£ -
£ 100.00	Donation garforth Show	£ -
£ -	Donation Garforth in Bloom	£ 50.00
	Liabilities	
£ -		£ -
£ -		
	Totals	**£ 76,046.16**
£ 73,403.14		
	Income this sheet	£ 48,862.53
	Income from Summary	£ 48,862.53
	Diff	£ -

	2024	Expenditure	2025	
	£ 1,482.60	Printing - Stationary - Post - Telephone	£ 1,044.94	
	£ -	Art Exibition	£ -	
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		Fixed Costs		
	£ 5,219.75	Gas	£ 3,625.22	
	£ 3,405.24	Electric	£ 3,233.95	
	£ 3,044.45	Rates & Rent	£ 2,736.18	
	£ 983.01	Water	£ 1,227.15	
	£ 1,500.38	Waste Collection	£ 1,509.66	
	£ -	Fire Protection	£ -	
	£ -	Building Insurance	£ -	
	£ 777.97	Insurance (Public Liability)	£ 835.44	
	£ 20,805.00	Contract Cleaning	£ 21,591.50	
	£ 2,836.23	Repairs - Upkeep	£ 2,208.77	**£ 36,967.87**
£ 38,572.03				
		Project Costs		
	£ 320.00	Le mark Flooring & Excel Flooring Ltd	£ 3,370.18	
	£ 1,177.68	C.D.Player	£ 289.00	
	£ 478.05	T I Security call button Lamp Room	£ 180.00	
	£ 1,806.20	Music licence	£ 327.71	
	£ 402.95	2 Hand Driers	£ 238.00	
	£ 30.00	Fire Brigade Inspection Costs	£ 1,895.31	
	£ 1,950.00	Poppy Day Wreath	£ 30.00	
£ 6,164.88				**£ 6,330.20**
		Assets		
	£ -	Cash in Hand	£ 253.46	
	£ -	Current Account	**£ 31,449.69**	
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