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ELECTED OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS & STAFF

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Project Officer
(CYP)



Rooted & Radiant event

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD



This financial year has been very busy and challenging but successful and I invite everyone to read the annual report thoroughly to see the variety of our work and progress. We have planned, organised, and delivered various activities/events to celebrate seventy years of the formation of the Association, celebrate fifty years of Derby Caribbean Carnival and hosted East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) Regional Costume Competition.

We continue to keep the community connected by the activities we provide and the services we offer. Activities such as social/cultural, educational, health and well-being, recreational and services such as general information and advice, signposting, advocacy, representation and document signing and verification.

As the cost-of-living crisis continues, our Warm Hub Kitchen has proved both welcoming and popular. The networking, social interaction, and activities it provides also make it a valuable learning hub.

All this work would not have been possible without funding.

I would therefore like to thank our funders, The National Lottery, Arts Council England, Derby City Council, The Alex Ferry Foundation, Unite Union, Foundation Derbyshire, and all those that provide donations and in-kind support during the year.

My thanks to all the volunteers who have given so generously of their time in all areas of our work, the cost of which cannot be quantified in monetary terms.

My special thanks to the Committee of Management for their unstinting commitment to the work of the Association and their support to me during the year.

G Mighty
President



Danielle Bello – Emccan Costume show

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2025/2026

INTRODUCTION

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Association for 2025/2026. It feels like only yesterday that I was writing last year's report, a reminder of just how quickly time passes.

The year 2025 was truly a landmark year for our organisation and one of our busiest to date. We celebrated three significant milestones: the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Association, the 50th anniversary of the Derby Caribbean Carnival, and the hosting of the annual East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) Costume Competition.

These events represented a tremendous undertaking and brought with them a number of challenges. However, through the dedication, hard work, and commitment of our volunteers, we successfully delivered each celebration and created memorable experiences for our members, supporters, and the wider community.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend thanks to our voluntary Management Committee for their continued support throughout the year. Their commitment to the organisation remains invaluable.

I also want to thank our staff members for their hard work and contribution to our achievements. Their efforts, together with those of our volunteers, have played a vital role in ensuring the continued success of the Association.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to celebrating and promoting Caribbean culture, strengthening community engagement, and building upon the successes of this remarkable year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the organisation during 2025/2026 period. Together, we continue to make a positive difference in our community.

A. MEETINGS

1. Committee Meetings

During the 2025/2026 period, the Committee of Management met ten times to oversee the day-to-day running of the Association. The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss key operational matters, review progress on activities and events, and make decisions that supported the continued development and success of the organisation.

2. Members' Meetings

We continue to keep members informed through our quarterly newsletters, which provide valuable updates on the Association's activities, events, achievements, and other relevant information. These newsletters play an important role in maintaining regular communication with our members and the wider community

3. Staffing Support Meetings

Staffing Support Meetings continue to play an important role in ensuring effective communication between staff and management. These meetings provide a valuable forum for sharing information in a timely manner, discussing organisational developments, and addressing matters that may affect staff. They also offer employees an opportunity to raise any concerns, provide feedback, and contribute suggestions that support the continued improvement of the Association and its services.

B. STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATION

The National Lottery Community Fund for the "Even Stronger Together" Project ended on 31 March 2026. As a result, the Association is now managing the Centre's activities with the support of dedicated volunteers, whose commitment and contribution continue to be invaluable in maintaining our services and activities.

We would like to place on record our thanks to Simon Taylor, Elders' Officer (June 2023 to March 2026), Corrine Bell, Children and Young People's Officer (May 2025 to March 2026), and William Farrell, Administrative Officer (August 2018 to March 2026) for their dedicated service to the Association. Their hard work and commitment have made a significant contribution to the organisation and the communities we serve.

We would particularly like to acknowledge William Farrell, who has served the Association for seven years. His loyalty, dedication, and valuable contribution over this period have been greatly appreciated. We are pleased that, despite the conclusion of the project funding, we were able to extend William's contract from March 2026 until August 2026, enabling him to continue supporting the work of the Association during this transitional period.

We thank William for his continued commitment and service, and we also extend our sincere appreciation to Simon Taylor and Corrine Bell for their contributions to the organisation. We wish them both every success in their future endeavours.

C. VOLUNTEERS

The invaluable contribution of our volunteers has been essential to the sustainability and success of the Association over many years. In the absence of employees, their role has become even more critical in ensuring that the Centre continues to operate and serve the community effectively.

We extend our thanks to all volunteers for their commitment, and willingness to give their time and skills throughout the past year. Their support has enabled us to continue delivering activities, events, and services that benefit our members and the wider community.

As we move forward, we are keen to welcome new volunteers to support the work of the Association. If you feel that you have the skills, experience, or time to offer and would like to make a positive difference in your community, we would like to hear from you. Your contribution can help ensure the continued growth and success of the organisation.

D. CENTRE ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS

1. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(a) Summer School

The Summer School Programme took place from Monday 4 August 2025 to Friday 29 August 2025.

As in previous years, the programme provided young people with a wide range of enjoyable and interactive activities designed to promote learning, creativity, teamwork, and personal development. Participants took part in arts and crafts, games, workshops, and other engaging sessions, while also enjoying regular visits to the local park, where they were able to participate in outdoor recreational activities and socialise with their peers.

The programme offered a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment throughout the summer holidays, helping young people to build confidence, develop new skills, and create lasting friendships.

On Monday, 26 August 2025, children attending the Summer School took part in a tree-planting ceremony in Osmaston Park, where a Gleditsia Sunburst tree was planted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Derby Caribbean Carnival. The event was organised by the Derby City Council's Sinfin and Osmaston

Neighbourhood Boards, and Councillor Nadine Peatfield was in attendance.



Young people at the tree planting with Councillor Nadine Peatfield & George Mighty

The Association is grateful to all volunteers and supporters who contributed to the successful delivery of the Summer School Programme.







Young people in the summer school in 2025

(b) Educational Bursary

Over the years, the Association has remained committed to supporting young people in both education and sport, helping them to develop their talents and achieve their ambitions.

During this reporting period, we were pleased to provide support to one young person in pursuing their sporting goals. We continue to receive regular updates on their progress and achievements, and we are delighted to see them making positive strides in their chosen sport.

Supporting the aspirations of young people remains an important part of the Association's work. We are proud to play a role in helping individuals reach their potential and look forward to celebrating their future successes.

2. SOCIAL/HEALTH AND WELLBEING ACTIVITIES

(a) Tai Chi

Tai Chi continues to be a popular and highly beneficial activity within the Association's programme of activities. As a gentle form of exercise suitable for people of all ages and abilities, it promotes physical wellbeing, balance, flexibility, relaxation, and overall health.

We are pleased to report an increase in participation in our weekly Tai Chi sessions over the past year, reflecting the growing interest in activities that support healthy lifestyles and wellbeing within our community.

Classes are held every Monday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and provide participants with the opportunity to improve their physical fitness, enhance their mental wellbeing, and enjoy social interaction in a friendly and supportive environment.

The Association remains committed to promoting activities that encourage active and healthy living, and we are delighted to see the continued success of the Tai Chi programme.



Members undertaking tai chi sessions

(b) Zumba

After many years of hosting this fun and energetic activity, it is with great sadness that I report that Zumba is no longer available at the Derby West Indian Community Centre. In September 2025, the tutor took the difficult decision to take a well-earned break.

I would like to extend thanks to Karlana Diedrick for her enthusiasm, and commitment over the years. Her classes brought people together, encouraged health and wellbeing, and created a welcoming and enjoyable environment for so many participants.

We wish her all the very best for the future and hope to see her again in the years ahead.

(c) Steel Pans Sessions

The last 12 months has been a fantastic success for the DWICA Steel Pans group. The group is now well established and widely known throughout the city, offering authentic Caribbean music. They have built up a wide selection of popular Reggae, Soca, and Gospel tunes, which are mainly played in an upbeat manner to lift the occasion. The group prides itself on being a community steel band, and focuses on community activities such as carnivals, local events, and school celebrations, but will also support private and corporate functions where appropriate.

Over the past year the group has played at over 20 events, which included many highlights such as:

- April 2025 - East Midlands Airport 60th Anniversary
- May 2025 - The re-opening of the Derby Market Hall
- July 2025 - Derby Caribbean Carnival
- October 2025 - HM Prison Foston Black History Month
- December 2025 - Kegworth Christmas Market
- December 2025 - Derby Cathedral Christmas Carols

The most important performances however were at the Derby Market Hall, Brighton Road NTCG Church and the Derbion Shopping centre. These gigs were performed to raise funds for the Jamaica Disaster Appeal following Hurricane Melissa in November 2025, and thanks to the generosity of the people of Derby, the group helped to raise over £1500 for the appeal.



The Steel Pans Group and other members doing their bit for Hurricane Melissa

The last year also saw the group evolving with players moving on and two new arrivals to maintain a core group of 10 players. More than half of the group have shown their commitment to playing steel pans by investing in their own drum, and the Tuesday evening practice sessions are rarely missed.

(d) Walking Group

The Walking Group continues to be a hugely popular activity and a cornerstone in the drive to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. The number of walkers in the group has grown to over 30, with walks taking place every week between March and November weather permitting. The group meets at the Derby West Indian community centre at 12pm on Wednesdays and then takes a ride in the minibus to one of the many parks and walks around the city. During the last year, the number of places visited has increased to include local nature reserves and walks along the riverbank. The walks are relatively gentle and done mostly along flat pedestrian pathways. The group walks for 60-90 minutes with routes chosen to suit all abilities and to ensure no one is left behind.



Members of the DWICA Walking Group

Where necessary, separate groups are formed to cater for the stronger walkers or those who may want to take a slower or shorter walk. The walks are a great opportunity to meet new people, socialise, encourage conversation, and to support physical and mental health. It is a relaxing and fun way to enjoy the outdoors and explore new areas of the city.

Over the last year the group has visited over 10 different locations, including Allestree Park, Alvaston Park, Darley Park, Heatherton Pond, Markeaton Park, Elvaston Castle and a day trip to Carsington Reservoir. At the end of the walk the minibus returns to the Centre where a drink and more conversation is offered for anyone who wishes.

(e) Cycling Club

The Cycling Club is still going strong and continues to meet at the Centre on Saturday mornings 10am. The cycling is done mainly along cycle paths with visits to Darley Park, Elvaston Castle and Swarkestone Lock among the most popular rides. Rides normally are less than two hours, and the pace is set by the slowest rider. The club is aimed at adults and children of all ages and welcomes anyone who is wanting to learn or is coming back to cycling.



Members of the Cycling Group

The club can offer free use of a bicycle for those who do not have or are unable to buy their own. The use of safety helmets, high visibility clothing, and some accessories if required, is also available, plus training in cycling road safety, maintenance, and some basic repairs.

The rides start and finish at the community centre, and after each ride, refreshments, and the opportunity to socialise and interact with others is offered. The cycling club has about 20 members of mixed ability who ride depending on their availability. Anyone wishing to learn, at any age, is also welcome to come along and have a try in the car park. The aim is to show everyone the benefits of cycling and to have some fun.

(f) Windrush Thanksgiving Service

On Sunday, 22 June 2025, the Association marked Windrush Day with a special Service of Thanksgiving held at the Assembly of the First Born (AFB) Church on London Road. The service brought together members of the community to reflect on and celebrate the invaluable contributions of the Windrush Generation and their lasting impact on British society. We welcomed local dignitaries as well as a representative from the Jamaican High Commission.

Following the morning service, attendees enjoyed light refreshments provided within the church premises, creating an opportunity for fellowship and community engagement.

The service also served as a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Derby West Indian Community Association, recognising seven decades of supporting, representing, and promoting the interests of the Caribbean community in Derby. The event provided an opportunity to reflect on the Association's achievements, acknowledge the dedication of past and present members, and celebrate the rich cultural heritage that continues to shape and strengthen our community.





Windrush Service of Thanksgiving



Cutting of DWICA 70th Anniversary Cake

(g) Annual Christmas Dinner

On Saturday, 13 December 2025, the Association hosted its annual Christmas Dinner, which also formed part of the celebrations marking the 70th Anniversary of the Derby West Indian Community Association. The event was well attended by members and guests, providing an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the festive season and this important milestone in the Association's history.

Association members attended the event free of charge, while non-members were invited to attend for a fee. Guests were treated to an excellent three-course meal prepared by FamFood, which received positive feedback from everyone in attendance.

The evening's entertainment included a variety of local talents with performances by the DWICA Steel Pans Group, vocalist Simba, poetry readings by Elizabeth Perry, and a literary presentation by Milton Crosdale, who shared a chapter from his book. These performances contributed to a memorable and enjoyable evening for all in attendance.



Attendees at the Christmas Dinner 2025 enjoying the various entertainment on offer

We extend our sincere thanks to FamFood for preparing a wonderful meal and to their staff for providing a high standard of service throughout the event. We would also like to thank all the performers for their contributions and providing such excellent entertainment.

Special thanks are due to Pamela Samuel for undertaking the sale of raffle tickets. The raffle proved to be very successful, with a range of excellent prizes on offer. We are grateful to everyone who generously donated prizes and to all those who supported the raffle. Thanks also to all the people who attended to ensure the event was a success.

3. EVEN STRONGER TOGETHER PROJECT (ESTP) – BIG LOTTERY REACHING COMMUNITIES FUND

The Even Stronger Together Project (ESTP) ran for a period of three years and concluded on 31 March 2026. The funding supported the roles of the Children and Young People (CYP) Officer, the Elders' Officer, and the Administrative Officer.

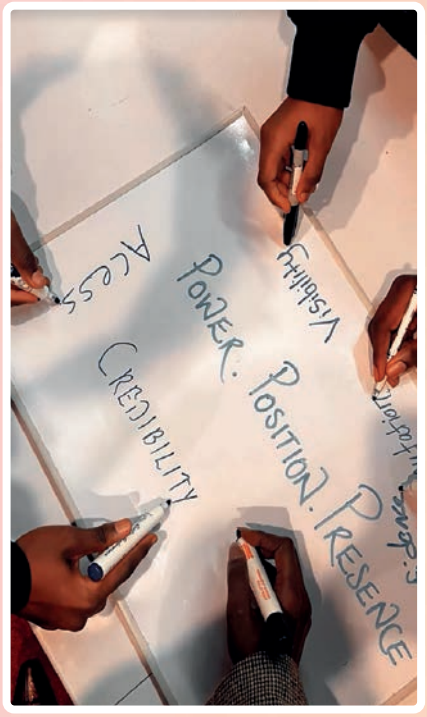
(a) Children and Young People (CYP) Officer

During the 2025/2026 reporting period, the Children and Young People's (CYP) Officer delivered a range of initiatives and activities designed to support the development, wellbeing, and engagement of children and young people within our community.

Children and young people took on leadership roles, made creative decisions, and were regularly consulted on what they wanted from their experiences with us. The Money, Power, Respect workshop gave teenage boys a dedicated space to think seriously about their futures, their values, and their integrity.



The Money, Power, Respect Workshop



The Money, Power, Respect Workshop

These initiatives provided opportunities for young people to participate in educational, recreational, cultural, and personal development activities in a safe and supportive environment.

Through workshops, group activities, holiday programmes, and community events, the CYP Officer encouraged young people to develop new skills, build confidence, enhance their social interaction, and strengthen their connection with the wider community.

On Saturday, 14 February 2026, the CYP Officer hosted a Rooted & Radiant event for Black girls and young women. The event focused on promoting positive self-image and providing practical guidance on Black hair care, helping participants to better understand and appreciate the importance of caring for their natural hair.

The event was well attended and received very positive feedback from the young people who participated. Attendees found the session both informative and empowering, gaining valuable knowledge and practical tips that they could apply in their daily lives.

Several mothers also attended the event and engaged with the information that was presented, contributing to meaningful discussions and shared learning experiences.

To mark the occasion, each young participant received a goodie bag containing a selection of items and resources. The event was a great success and provided a welcoming space for learning, confidence-building, and celebrating cultural identity.



Rooted & Radiant event

There was a new partnership with Derbyshire Cricket Foundation, which introduced young people to cricket and its broader benefits for physical health, mental wellbeing, and team cohesion, opening a door to a sport that many are not familiar with.

The Association remains committed to supporting children and young people and recognises the importance of investing in future generations. We are grateful for the contribution made by the CYP Officer during the year and for the positive impact these initiatives have had on the young people who participated.

(b) Elders' Officer

Unfortunately, our Elders' Officer, Simon Taylor, has been on sick leave for several months due to the need for surgery. We would like to extend best wishes to Simon during this period and hope that his procedure is successful, leading to a full and speedy recovery.

During Simon's absence, the Children and Young People's (CYP) Officer has continued to facilitate the Elders' Tea & Tech Classes on Tuesdays. These sessions have remained popular and well attended, providing older members with opportunities to improve their digital skills, increase their confidence in using technology, and stay connected with family, friends, and services.



Members of the Tea & Tech Group

The Warm Hub continues on a Thursday and is one of the Association's longstanding initiatives. The project is overseen by Nezrine Hudson and Mable Slater, with the support of a committed team of volunteers. This includes Elizabeth Perry, who organises weekly themed quizzes; William Farrell, who provides IT support and assists with setting up the laptop and screen for bingo sessions and YouTube exercise activities as well as Kenton Black, who helps with arranging tables and chairs and providing practical support wherever it is needed.

The sessions provide a welcoming and supportive environment where participants can socialise, access support, and take part in a variety of activities. In addition to offering companionship and helping to reduce social isolation, the programme includes chair-based exercise sessions and a range of games designed to promote both physical health and overall well-being.

Participants also benefited from informative presentations delivered by a range of organisations and guest speakers. These have included representatives from the Alzheimer's Society, Derbyshire Constabulary PCSOs, who provided guidance on recognising and protecting against scams and frauds, and Arthritis Action, who delivered information and advice on living with arthritis. These sessions helped to raise awareness of important issues and provide valuable support and practical information for attendees.







Members of the Warm Hub at some of the many activities on offer

We are proud to continue our partnership with Derby County Community Trust, whose staff bring enthusiasm, energy, and enjoyment to the sessions through the delivery of chair-based activities and interactive games that are greatly appreciated by participants.

As part of Black History Month in October, Elizabeth Perry prepared a presentation recognising and celebrating the contributions of Black people in Derby and Derbyshire. Beatrice Phillips, Fitz Leachman, George Mighty, and Rosanna Jack shared their experiences of coming to England and spoke about the challenges they encountered. The presentation also acknowledged the contributions of pioneers such as Thomas Douce and Edna Williamson. Also acknowledged were Teresa Peltier, and David Powell.

Young achievers were also acknowledged, including Niaz Stephenson, Nathan Addai, and Simeon Perry, who shared his experiences of overcoming barriers and highlighted his accomplishments in sports. The event also featured a musical performance by Donna Briscoe-Green, who entertained attendees with her singing.

As part of the Thursday programme, attendees are also provided with a hot meal prepared by Pamela Samuel. On the rare occasions when Pamela is unavailable, meals are prepared by Mable Slater or Delroy Taylor, ensuring that this important service continues uninterrupted.

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who generously volunteer their time and effort each Thursday to support this valued community initiative. Their commitment plays a vital role in the

continued success of the Warm Hub. We also extend our thanks to Derby County Community Trust for their ongoing partnership and support, which continues to enhance the experience of those attending the sessions.



Members of the Warm Hub Group

Finally, we are grateful for the financial contribution received through the Warm Hub funding programme, which has helped support the delivery of activities and services for our elders and the wider community.

4. ANNUAL DERBY CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

The year 2025 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Derby Caribbean Carnival, a significant milestone in the Association's history. The Carnival took place on Sunday, 20 July 2025, and provided an opportunity to celebrate five decades of Caribbean culture, heritage, creativity, and community spirit in Derby.

As this was our golden anniversary year, we were determined to make the event particularly special and to deliver a memorable celebration that reflected the importance of this event. Considerable planning and preparation went into ensuring that the Carnival would be a fitting tribute to all those who have contributed to its success over the past fifty years.

(a) Carnival Dance and Music Workshop

As in previous years, Cultural Roots Carnival Troupe (CRCT) held their regular rehearsals every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

We also continued our partnership with Rickay Hewitt-Martin, a dance choreographer from Vehdance, who led the weekly sessions.



CRCT rehearsing dance routines

I would like to thank Rickay and Vehdance for their continued support.

(b) Carnival Costume Design Workshop

As 2025 was Derby's turn to host the East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) Costume Competition, the Association took the decision to showcase sustainability and creativity by recycling and reimagining four costumes from previous years for entry into the competition.

Continuing a tradition that has been the case for a number of years, Niaz Stephenson developed the concept for the special 50th Anniversary Costume. The design was created by recycling and transforming the Association's 2012 costume, giving it a fresh appearance while paying tribute to the Carnival's rich history and heritage. Additional costumes from previous years were also carefully refurbished and adapted for the competition, demonstrating the creativity, resourcefulness, and talent of

those involved in the costume-making process.

Rampage CIC played an important role in the design workshop programme, working alongside participants to support the development and creation of the costumes. Their involvement brought additional skills, creativity, and expertise to the project and helped engage individuals in the artistic and cultural aspects of Carnival.

The Association extends its thanks to Niaz Stephenson, Rampage CIC, the costume-making team, volunteers, and everyone who contributed their time, creativity, and effort towards making the EMCCAN Costume Competition entries a success.





Design workshop



Design workshop

(c) Carnival Costume Making Workshops

We were once again pleased to retain the services of Rampage CIC, comprising Steve, Annmarie, and Sharon, whose expertise, creativity, and dedication were instrumental in the successful construction of the four costumes entered into the regional EMCCAN Costume Competition.

The costume workshops provided valuable opportunities for participants to learn new skills, share ideas, and contribute to the creation of costumes that reflected the spirit, colour, and vibrancy of Caribbean Carnival traditions. The process also strengthened community involvement and helped preserve the artistic traditions that are central to Carnival culture.

Working alongside Rampage CIC, a committed group of volunteers gave generously of their time and skills throughout the design and construction process. Their contribution was invaluable, and the collaboration between Rampage CIC

and our volunteers ensured that the costumes were completed to a high standard and reflected the creativity, colour, and cultural significance of Caribbean Carnival traditions.





Volunteers participating in the making of the costumes for the Emccan costume competition

We extend our sincere thanks to Rampage CIC and all the volunteers involved for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment.

(d) East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (Emccan) Regional Carnival Costume Competition

The East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) Costume Competition is a collaborative event involving Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, and Northampton. The competition provides an opportunity to exhibit the creativity, artistry, and cultural heritage that are at the heart of Caribbean Carnival traditions across the region.

In 2025, it was Derby's turn to host the competition, which took place on Saturday, 20 June 2026, at the Derby Theatre. The event attracted a large and enthusiastic audience, who enjoyed an evening of spectacular costume presentations and entertainment.

Contestants from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, and Northampton competed, displaying an impressive range of costumes that demonstrated exceptional creativity, craftsmanship, and attention to detail.

The event was further enhanced by outstanding entertainment from Danielle Bello, artist and spoken word performer, ACE Dance and Music, a youth company who perform both nationally and internationally and Scrappy, a Soca artist, whose performances were warmly received by the audience and contributed to the vibrant atmosphere of the evening.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the contestants who participated in the competition and helped to make the event such a success. In particular, we would like to acknowledge Alice Burton, Elaine Yorke, and Niaz Stephenson, who proudly represented Derby. Thanks also to Devon Daley and Bea Udeh for compering the event and to the judges who had a difficult task in choosing the winning costume.



Alice Burton
Da People's Trophy – Celebrating 50 years of Derby Caribbean Carnival



Elaine Yorke
Windrush & Barriers to Housing



Niaz Stephenson
Phoenix of a Man

The Association is grateful to everyone who contributed to the planning, organising, and delivery of this successful regional event, which highlighted the strength of partnership and collaboration among the East Midlands Carnival organisations.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Tamara Rashford for her exemplary supervision and leadership throughout the event. Her professionalism, dedication, and diligence contributed significantly to the smooth running and overall success of the competition. We are grateful for the time, effort, and commitment she invested in ensuring that the event was delivered to a high standard and was an enjoyable experience for both participants and audience members alike.

(e) Carnival Day – Sunday 20 July 2025

Just as in previous years, the procession started at Cathedral Green, with the Derby Museum of Making once more offering changing facilities to the troupes taking part.

There were troupes from Derby, including Cultural Roots Carnival Troupe (CRCT), MProductionTime2Show CIC, DonnaFoxAssociates, Creole Mas International and University Hospitals of Burton and Derby, Sensational Vibes & Mass Invazion (Leicester), Leeds West Indian Carnival, Pulse Dance Company (Leicester), Inspire Urself Carnival Troupe (Nottingham), Inspiration Arts (Northampton), and Isles in Harmony Carnival Dance Troupe (Preston).



Members of CRCT Troupe &
Vehdance Choreographers



Some of the many participants on the procession route.







Some of the many participants on the procession route.

Upon arrival at Osmaston Park, each carnival troupe took to the arena to perform their carefully rehearsed routines before the judges and spectators. The performances showcased the creativity, energy, and talent that we have come to expect with Caribbean Carnival celebrations and were enjoyed by the large audience in attendance.



Troupe in the Arena

We are delighted to congratulate Isles in Harmony Carnival Dance Troupe, who were awarded “Best Troupe in the Arena”. We extend our warm congratulations on their achievement.

Although the weather was unpredictable once participants and spectators reached Osmaston Park, this did not dampen the spirit of the occasion. Carnival revellers continued to enjoy the wide range of attractions and activities available throughout the day, including authentic Caribbean food, arts and crafts stalls, an exciting stage show featuring a variety of performers, sound systems, and a funfair.

The stage show was officially opened by the Deputy Mayor of Derby, who welcomed attendees and joined in the celebrations marking the 50th Anniversary of the Derby Caribbean Carnival.

The programme featured a diverse range of performances that entertained the crowd throughout the day and highlighted the talent that exists within our local community and beyond. Performers included the ANFC Church Choir, the DWICA Steel Pans Group, and artists from Baby People, all of whom received an enthusiastic response from the audience.

Additional entertainment was provided by Dvybrant, performing

reggae and dancehall music, Gambino Akboy, vibes, and reggae artist, Melo-D, each bringing their own unique style and energy to the celebrations. Popular soca entertainer Scrappy also delivered a lively performance that encouraged audience participation and added to the carnival atmosphere.



Scrappy Soca artist entertaining the crowd

The high point of the stage show was an outstanding performance by internationally renowned recording artist Maxi Priest, whose appearance was a fitting finale to this landmark 50th Anniversary celebration. His performance was greatly appreciated by the audience and helped make the event a memorable occasion for everyone in attendance.



Maxi Priest Headline act

The Association extends thanks to all performers, production staff, volunteers, and supporters whose contributions helped deliver a high-quality entertainment programme and ensured the success of this special anniversary event.

We extend our appreciation to Arts Council England for its continued funding support, which has helped the Association to deliver this annual event. We also want to thank Alex Ferry Foundation, Unite Union Rolls-Royce, and Derby City Council for their valued financial contributions and ongoing support.

Thanks also to Rolls-Royce for generously allowing the use of their car parking facilities, which ensured that we had somewhere for carnival revellers to park. We are equally grateful to the Museum of Making Derby for providing changing/toilet facilities for the participating troupes.

We extend our sincere thanks to Derbyshire Police, InterCounty Paramedics, GTM Traffic Management, all of the marshals, and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Their commitment, and dedication played a vital role in ensuring that the Carnival was delivered in a safe, enjoyable, and welcoming environment for all participants, performers, and spectators.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to the event.

Despite the challenging weather conditions, the event remained a vibrant and enjoyable celebration of Caribbean culture, bringing together people from across Derby and beyond to share in this special 50th Anniversary Carnival. The enthusiasm shown by participants, volunteers, performers, vendors, and visitors alike ensured that the day was both memorable and successful.

While the 50th Anniversary Derby Caribbean Carnival was a tremendous success in many respects, hosting an event of this scale involves significant infrastructure and operational costs.

Unfortunately, the adverse weather conditions experienced on the day impacted attendance levels, resulting in a substantial financial loss for the organisation.

The Association recognises that this situation cannot be sustained indefinitely. If the Derby Caribbean Carnival is to continue thriving and remain a valued cultural event for future generations, it will be essential to secure additional and more sustainable sources of funding. Identifying and pursuing new funding opportunities, sponsorship arrangements, partnerships, and income streams will therefore be a key priority in the years ahead.

Despite these challenges, the success of the Carnival would not have been possible without the commitment of our volunteers, performers, costume makers, participants, sponsors, funders, and supporters. Their unwavering commitment ensured that this landmark 50th Anniversary Carnival was a memorable and fitting celebration of Caribbean culture, heritage, and community spirit.

The 2025 Derby Caribbean Carnival not only marked an extraordinary milestone in the history of the Carnival but also reinforced our commitment to preserving, promoting, and celebrating Caribbean culture for future generations.

As we reflect on 50 years of achievement, we look forward with optimism and determination, working together to ensure that the Derby Caribbean Carnival continues to flourish for the next fifty years and beyond.

E. BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Saturday, 4 October 2025, from 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm, the Association hosted a Caribbean Islands Celebration Event at the Centre. The event was organised to celebrate our Caribbean heritage and honour the legacy of the Windrush Generation, while providing an opportunity for community members to come together and share the rich cultural traditions of the Caribbean.

Attendees were encouraged to bring traditional dishes representing their respective islands, creating a vibrant showcase of Caribbean cuisine and culture. The event promoted cultural pride, community cohesion, and the sharing of stories, memories, and experiences across generations.

This successful event was delivered in partnership with DWICA, Open Doors, Noir Sport, and Hadhari, with each organisation inviting up to 25 participants to take part in the celebrations.

The collaboration between the partner organisations contributed greatly to the event's success and helped create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all who attended.

The event was extremely well received, with participants enjoying the opportunity to celebrate their heritage, connect with others, and strengthen community relationships.

We would like to extend special thanks to Beverly Stewart for her invaluable support in helping to organise and coordinate the event. Her commitment and hard work played a significant role in ensuring its success.

We also want to thank the many other individuals, volunteers, and partner organisations who

contributed their time, effort, and resources to make the event such a memorable and enjoyable occasion. Their dedication and support are greatly appreciated.





Community members at the Caribbean Islands event

On Saturday, 25 October 2025, the Association's Treasurer, Secretary and Elizabeth Perry represented the organisation at an event held in the Derby Market Hall, where they exhibited a selection of Carnival headdresses and provided information about the Association, its activities, and its contribution to the local community.

The event offered an excellent opportunity to promote the work of the Association, engage with members of the public, and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean community. Visitors were able to learn more about Carnival traditions, view examples of Carnival artistry and craftsmanship, and find out about the programmes and services delivered by the organisation.

The day also featured a variety of entertainment and activities, including singing performances and arts and crafts displays from local vendors. Live music provided by a local artist helped to create a vibrant atmosphere and contributed to a successful and enjoyable event for all those who attended.





Market Hall Event

We would like to thank everyone who visited our display and supported the event, as well as the organisers and participating vendors whose contributions helped make the day a success. The event provided a valuable platform for promoting the Association and celebrating the diversity and creativity that enrich our local community.

F. HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF EFFORTS

On 28 October 2025, Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 storm, struck Jamaica, causing widespread devastation across the island. Tragically, lives were lost, homes were destroyed, and communities suffered significant damage. While properties and infrastructure can be rebuilt, the impact on the lives of those affected has been profound and long lasting. The hurricane also affected other Caribbean nations, including Cuba and Haiti, further highlighting the scale of the disaster.

In response to this tragedy, the Derby community came together to support relief efforts through a number of fundraising and donation initiatives.

One such event was a Family Fundraiser, held at the Derby West Indian Community Centre on Saturday, 8 November 2025. The event brought together people from across the community, many of whom generously volunteered their time to support the cause.

The programme included a variety of performances, including singing, dancing, and DJs playing music, which helped to create an enjoyable and uplifting atmosphere. In addition, fundraising activities included a raffle, tombola, and the sale of cakes and jewellery, all of which contributed to the relief effort. Also organised was an auction of donated items from Derby County Football Club.



Auction winner for Derby County Signed Shirt



Auction winner for Derby County tickets

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Pamela Samuel, Kenton Black, and Elizabeth Perry for their assistance in helping with the planning and organising of the event. We also thank Egerton Perry and Riley O'Connor, for playing the music and keeping the audience engaged throughout the day.

The generosity shown by the community was truly inspiring. In addition to financial donations, people donated large quantities of canned food, dry goods such as rice and pasta, clothing, and other essential items to support those affected by the hurricane. These donations demonstrated the community's compassion and willingness to help those in need during a time of crisis.

On Wednesday, 19 November 2025, Egerton Perry, Riley O'Connor, Kenton Black, and Eric Hudson transported the packed donation boxes to Transpakship in preparation for shipment to Jamaica.





Packed items being delivered to Transpakship for exporting to Jamaica

In addition, to the goods that were offered, we also raised £6,335 towards the disaster appeal which was sent via bank transfer to Jamaica.

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the relief effort. This includes those who made financial contributions, donated goods, packed and labelled boxes, assisted with loading and unloading vehicles, and volunteered their time in any other capacity. The generosity and strong sense of community demonstrated throughout this initiative were truly remarkable.

A special thank you is also extended to Derby County Football Club for their donation of auction prizes and Transpakship for facilitating the transportation of the donated items to Jamaica. Transpakship's support played an important role in ensuring that much-needed supplies reached those impacted by Hurricane Melissa.

The collective effort demonstrated the strength, compassion, and unity of our community, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make the relief initiative such a success.

G. IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS AND COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

During the period 2025/2026 officers and Committee members attended the following functions/engagements to provide information to our members.

- Leeds Carnival Royalty Show – Saturday 23/08/25
- England Women vs West Indies Women ODI 2025 - Friday 30/05/25 at Derbyshire County Cricket Ground.

H. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING MEETINGS ATTENDED

- East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (Emccan)

I. CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to pass on congratulations to the following individuals:

In May 2025, Derby City Council honoured George Mighty by displaying a commemorative hoarding in the Market Place. The display featured George alongside the tribute:

"Honoured locally and nationally for his services to the West Indian communities."

This recognition acknowledged George's longstanding dedication and significant contribution to the West Indian community, both within Derby and further afield. His commitment, leadership, and years of service have helped to strengthen community relationships, promote Caribbean culture and heritage, and support generations of individuals and families.

We are delighted to see George receive this well-deserved recognition. His contribution represents an important part of the organisation's history and legacy, and his work continues to inspire and benefit the community today.



Hoarding with George Mighty which is displayed in the Market Place

We extend our congratulations to George Mighty on this special honour and thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the West Indian community.

On Thursday, 3 July 2025, the Derby West Indian Community Association (DWICA) was honoured to receive an Award of Excellence from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in recognition of its outstanding community development work and contribution to the Jamaican diaspora in the United Kingdom.

This prestigious award acknowledges the Association's many years of dedication to supporting Caribbean communities through cultural, educational, social, and community-based initiatives. It also recognises the significant contribution that DWICA has made in promoting Caribbean heritage, strengthening community cohesion, and improving the lives of individuals and families both locally and nationally.

Receiving this award was a significant achievement for the Association and a fitting recognition of the hard work, commitment, and dedication demonstrated by our volunteers, members, staff, past and present committee members, and supporters over many years.

We are immensely proud to have received this honour and view it as a testament to the collective efforts of everyone who has contributed to the growth and success of the Association throughout its 70-year history.

The Association extends its sincere thanks to CARICOM for this recognition and to all those whose dedication and support have helped to make this achievement possible. This award serves as an encouragement for us to continue our work in supporting

the community and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean for future generations.



The Chairman collecting the award

On 10 September 2025, the Chairman and Secretary attended a special ceremony at the Council House, Derby, where they were presented with a City of Derby Civic Award on behalf of the Derby West Indian Community Association.

The award was bestowed in recognition of the Association's outstanding contribution to the cultural life of the City of Derby over the past 70 years. Throughout its history, the Association has played a significant role in supporting the local community, promoting Caribbean culture and heritage, and fostering greater understanding and inclusion across the city.

The award was presented by Councillor Ajit Singh Atwal, Mayor of the City of Derby, and represented a valued acknowledgement of the organisation's longstanding service and commitment to the people of Derby.

We would also like to acknowledge Professor Cecile Wright, who submitted the nomination for this award.

The Association is extremely proud to receive this award, which stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of the many volunteers, members, committee members, staff, and supporters who have contributed to its success over the last seven decades. We thank everyone who has played a part in the Association's journey and in helping to make a positive difference to the cultural and community life of Derby.



Chairman and Secretary being presented with the Derby Civic Award

2025 marked Derby Theatre's 50th anniversary. To celebrate this milestone, George Mighty and Nezrine Hudson were among 50 people selected to take part in a special portrait and storytelling project commemorating the Theatre's 50th anniversary. They were invited to record their personal story, sharing a memory, a moment, or a message about their connection to Derby Theatre.

Their portraits are now displayed in the foyer of Derby Theatre alongside those of the other members of the public who were chosen to participate in this special celebration.



The portrait of George Mighty and Nezrine Hudson which is displayed in the foyer of Derby Theatre

J. DWICA REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

DWICA has representation on the following bodies:

- University of Derby Court - George Mighty
- Independent Community Inclusion Board (ICIB) of Derby Fire & Rescue - George Mighty
- East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (Emccan) - Nezrine Hudson and Maureen Mosley
- Derby City Council No Place for Hate – George Mighty
- Derby City Council Race Equality Hub – Nezrine Hudson

K. THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Lloyd Newby, who served as a longstanding member of the DWICA Management Committee and as the organisation's Vice Chairman for many years. Although he is no longer able to participate as actively as he once did, we greatly appreciate his valuable contribution over the years and wish him every success for the future.

Special thanks to Rajeevnathphotography for providing the Carnival and Costume Show Competition photographs, and to all those individuals who contributed the other photographs featured throughout this Annual Report.

Finally, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers and supporters who have contributed to the sustainability of the organisation during 2025/2026. Your generosity, dedication, and willingness to help have played a vital role in ensuring our continued success. Without the ongoing support of such committed individuals, our work would not be possible, so thank you all for your continued support.

L. GET WELL WISHES

We would like to take this opportunity to send get well wishes to all our members who are currently feeling unwell, and to wish you all a speedy recovery.

M. BEREAVEMENTS/DEATHS

During 2025/2026, we have sadly seen a number of our members passed away. It is always a difficult and heartbreaking time when we have to say goodbye to people we love and cherish.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to all members and families who have experienced a loss during this period. Please know that you are in our thoughts.

N. OTHER CENTRE USERS

Apart from the use of the centre for birthday parties and funeral wakes, the centre was also used by the following groups to hold their meetings/functions during the period 2025/2026:

- Nepalese Community New Year's Party Celebration
- Citizen Advice Mid Mercia Collaborative Meeting
- Arboretum Ward Councillors' Meeting
- Matchbox Exhibition & Auction
- Derby City Council Team Meeting
- NHS Derby & Derbyshire Integrated Care Board Meeting
- Neighbourhood Block Stay and Play sessions
- Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) Event
- Community Health Alliance Meeting
- International Women's Day Event

O. FORTHCOMING EVENTS/DIARY DATES

Below are forthcoming events/diary dates:

- DWICA Coffee Morning – Saturday 06/06/26
- Windrush Thanksgiving Service – Sunday 21/06/26
- Derby Caribbean Carnival – Sunday 19/07/26
- East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (Emccan) Regional Costume Show – Sunday 26/07/26
- DWICA Summer School Programme – Monday 03/08/26 to Friday 28/08/26
- DWICA Annual General Meeting – Sunday 04/10/2026
- DWICA Annual Christmas Dinner – Saturday 12/12/26

P. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We are entering a challenging period for the organisation following the loss of all our funding.

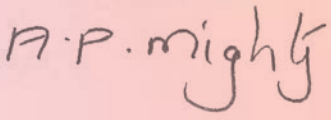
Unfortunately, this means that we are no longer able to employ paid staff. To ensure that our weekly activities can continue, we will be heavily relying on the dedication and support of our loyal volunteers.

Although we will continue to pursue funding opportunities and submit grant applications whenever possible, the current funding environment is increasingly competitive, and securing financial support is becoming more difficult for many organisations.

Despite these challenges, we remain committed to keeping the community centre open and operating for as long as possible. However, we recognise that this may become increasingly difficult without additional funding.

We would like to thank all our members for their continued loyalty and support. Your involvement is more important than ever, and we look forward to working together to help strengthen and sustain the community centre during this challenging time.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.



Miss A P Mighty
Secretary
On behalf of the Derby West Indian Community Association
01/04/2025 - 31/03/2026



Chairman with PCC Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, Catherine Atkinson MP, Cllr Nadine Peatfield & Roger Dale - July 2025



Caribbean Island Celebration



Caribbean Island Celebration



DWICA Carnival Marshalling Team 2025



Easter Arts & Craft
Gavin & Catherine



Costume Display - Emccan Costume Show - June 2025



The Treasurer Helping with Planting of Tree August 2025



Judges at Emccan Costume Show



Nezrine and Tony
Derby Caribbean Carnival



Melissa Fundraising event – November 2025



Derby Caribbean Carnival Banner by Volunteers



DWICA steel pans group - Emccan Costume Show - June 2025



ACE Dance Group Emccan Costume Show



Rampage CIC and Pamela - Emccan Costume Show 2025



Rooted & Radiant Event



DWICA 70th Anniversary - Windrush - June 2025



Arts and Craft - Derby Caribbean Carnival 2025



Chairman, Secretary & Professor Wright at Civic Award September 2025



Pamela, Nezrine, George & Angella at CARICOM event July 2025



Catering Stall - Derby Caribbean Carnival 2025



Summer School – 2025



Scrappy on Stage With Audience Members at Emccan Costume Show



Summer School – 2025



Maureen with Baggy Shanker MP, Catherine Atkinson MP, PCC Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, Cllr Nadine Peatfield and Roger Dale – July 2025



Members Attending Leicester Caribbean Carnival 2025



Packing of goods for Hurricane Melissa Disaster



Packing of goods for Hurricane Melissa Disaster



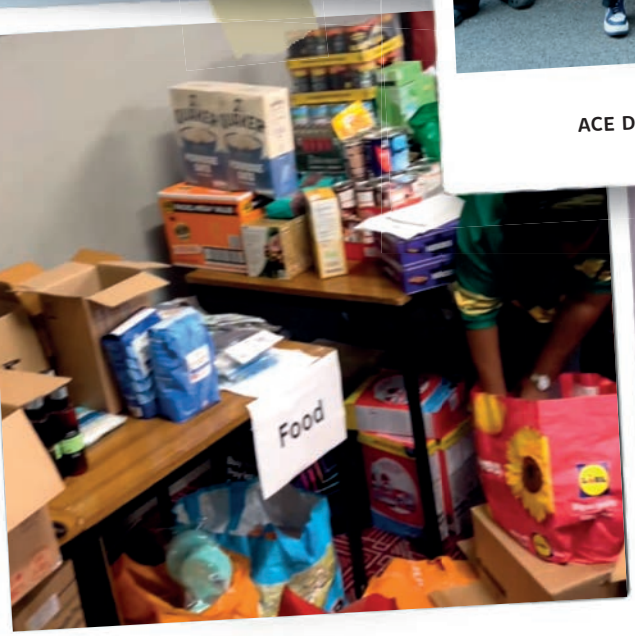
Hurricane Fundraising Event - November 2025



Nezrine & Angella - Emccan Costume show 2025



ACE Dance - Emccan Costume Show



Packing of goods for Hurricane Melissa Disaster



Summer School – 2025

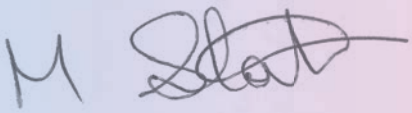
Treasurer's Report 2025/2026

The Association receives funding from a number of sources to carry out its work and function as a Charity. Managing the Community Building, employing staff and running activities.

The rising cost of living has had a severe impact on the organisation's finances as heating, lighting and repair costs rise. It is, however, unfortunate that all our funding streams came to an end at the end of the financial year, March 2026. We, therefore, lost all our paid staff and our work and activities are now relying on the help of volunteers. Nevertheless, the Officers have spent an enormous amount of time trying to seek funds to keep the organisation running.

The financial accounts for the year 2025/ 2026 reflect our activities and spending with the graphics indicating the areas of spending.

I recommend the accounts to the membership for approval and ask that they also approve Shapcott's Chartered Accountants as accountants for the forthcoming year.



M Slater
Treasurer

Derby West Indian Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities					
Carnival		-	111,654	111,654	119,123
Others		2,061	-	2,061	15,323
BBC Children in Need		-	-	-	36,662
ESTP Project		-	119,132	119,132	118,474
Warm Hub		-	4,270	4,270	4,000
We Move Fund		-	-	-	25,865
Cycle UK		-	186	186	-
HAF Project		-	-	-	6,958
EMCCAN Costume Show		-	12,565	12,565	-
Other trading activities	2	25,460	4	25,464	34,864
Investment income	3	6,144	-	6,144	6,634
Total		33,665	247,811	281,476	367,903
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Carnival		-	189,280	189,280	147,569
Youth activities and summer school - BBC Children in Need		-	5,394	5,394	-
Others		41,939	-	41,939	52,091
BBC Children in Need		-	3,776	3,776	9,830
ESTP Project		-	40,724	40,724	60,261
Warm Hub		-	3,847	3,847	4,259
We Move Fund		-	2,632	2,632	5,893
Windrush		-	-	-	3,870
Cycle UK		-	20	20	-
Big Lottery		-	45,041	45,041	-
HAF Project		-	-	-	1,827
EMCCAN Costume Show		-	9,972	9,972	-
Other		-	4,000	4,000	-
Total		41,939	304,686	346,625	285,600
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(8,274)	(56,875)	(65,149)	82,303
Transfers between funds	12	328,422	(328,422)	-	-
Net movement in funds		320,148	(385,297)	(65,149)	82,303
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		83,545	512,770	596,315	514,012
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		403,693	127,473	531,166	596,315

Derby West Indian Community Association

Balance Sheet
31 March 2026

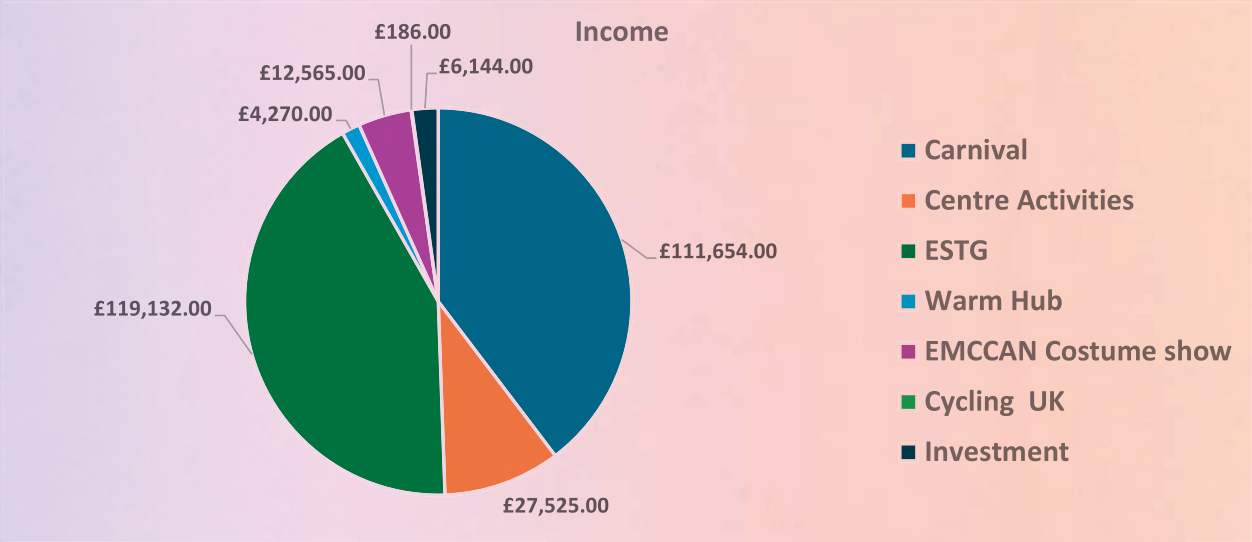
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	14,512	127,473	141,985	149,558
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	1,576	-	1,576	3,196
Prepayments and accrued income		527	-	527	12,424
Cash at bank and in hand		390,284	-	390,284	443,561
		392,387	-	392,387	459,181
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(163)	-	(163)	(540)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		392,224	-	392,224	458,641
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		406,736	127,473	534,209	608,199
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	11	(3,043)	-	(3,043)	(11,884)
NET ASSETS		403,693	127,473	531,166	596,315
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				403,693	83,545
Restricted funds				127,473	512,770
TOTAL FUNDS				531,166	596,315

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

G Mighty - Trustee

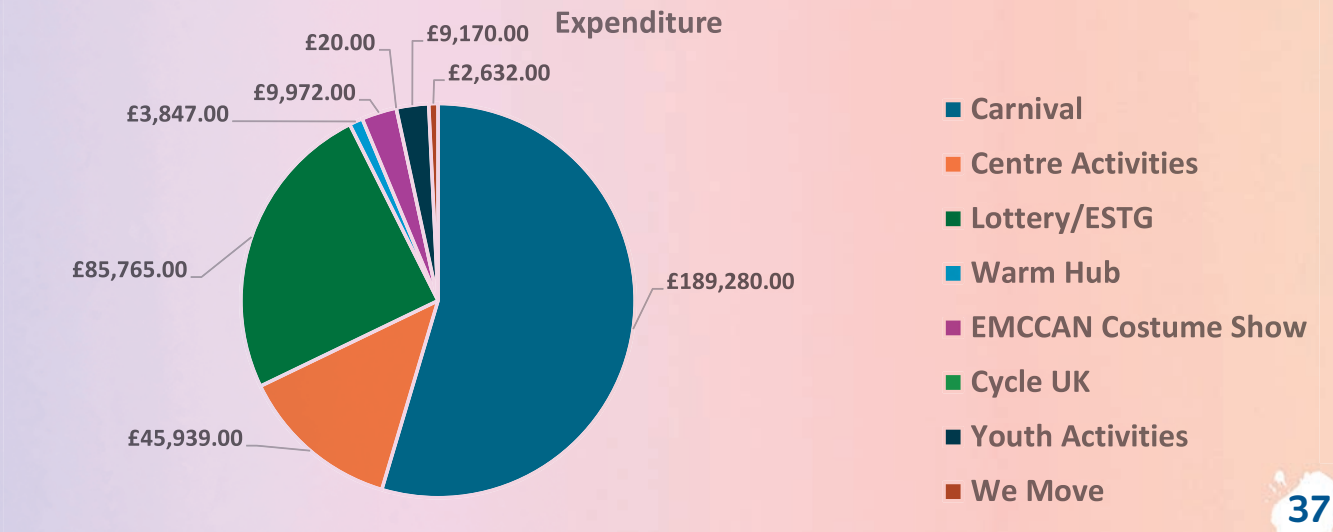
Income

Carnival	£111,654.00
Centre Activities	£27,525.00
ESTG	£119,132.00
Warm Hub	£4,270.00
EMCCAN Costume show	£12,565.00
Cycling UK	£186.00
Investment	£6,144.00
TOTAL	**£281,476.00**



Expenditure

Carnival	£189,280.00
Centre Activities	£45,939.00
Lottery/ESTG	£85,765.00
Warm Hub	£3,847.00
EMCCAN Costume Show	£9,972.00
Cycle UK	£20.00
Youth Activities	£9,170.00
We Move	£2,632.00
Total	**£346,625.00**






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Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

for

Derby West Indian Community Association

M. J. Shapcott & Co. Limited
Chartered Accountants
Charter House, Wyvern Court
Stanier Way
Derby
DE21 6BF

Derby West Indian Community Association

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives, aims and public benefit

The Association aims to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Derby with particular emphasis on people of West Indian heritage and to manage a community centre, providing social, cultural, educational and recreational activities. Also, advocacy, information and support for and representing disadvantaged people

Significant activities

DWICA is part of a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network (EMCCAN) through which it receives money from Arts Council England for the delivery of Derby Caribbean Carnival. Carnival is funded from 2018-2027.

Big Lottery Grant, (The National Lottery), expired in March 2026.

Funding is provided by BBC Children in Need (CIN) for our annual 4-week Summer School up to August 2026.

The main activities undertaken during the year were:
- Organisation of the Derby Caribbean Carnival.
- Youth Programme - involving youth club, youth social action project "We Move."- Educational Programme - Summer Scheme and educational trips.
- Arts Programme - costume design and make workshops, dance, and drama group work etc.
- Elderly Programme, improving the health and social care of elderly members funded by TNL (Big Lottery) - Windrush Documentation and Compensation and Warm Welcome Hubs.
- Maintaining of DWICA Digital Legacy Website (5-year programme up to 2028)
- Delivered: Celebratory events for; a) 70th Anniversary of the formation DWICA; b) 50th Anniversary of Derby Caribbean Carnival: c) Annual Windrush Service of Thanksgiving: d) 4 yearly EMCCAN Carnival Costume Competition at Derby Theatre

Contribution of Volunteers

In carrying out its activities the Charity makes considerable use of volunteers. The Charity has ten regular volunteers and some 50+ during the Carnival period. The value of volunteers' contribution has not been quantified.

The Trustees would like to thank all the volunteers for their contribution throughout the year

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

DWICA receives grants from a range of organisations including statutory authorities and we have detailed and robust financial controls and procedures in place for monitoring spending.

The Grant received from The National Lottery continues to support the Derby West Indian Community Association by providing funding which helps to pay for salaries, freelance workers, professional workers, and refreshments. In doing so, this enables the Charity to achieve its objectives and continue to run efficiently.

Grant is received from BBC Children in Need which fund the running costs of a 4-week summer school to help provide care, education and activities to those who require it during the busy summer period.

Other Policy Development/Implementation

The Charity has developed the following policies - vetting policy, fraud and corruption policy, child lost policy, security policy and safeguarding policy, Volunteer code of conduct GDPR. Engagement of HR Policy Company to manage DWICA employment issues. Risk Assessment.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds sufficient to meet current liabilities and provide a cushion against any fluctuations or delays in funding.

Through frugality, employing of energy savings devices and a team of hard-working volunteers applying for small pots of funding, the Organisation has managed to stay afloat in difficult time for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

FUTURE PLANS

Applications are continually being made for staff funding, new projects and sustainability of the community centre, with special emphasis on commissioning services from the local authority around public health and The National Lottery Reaching Communities Funds for Community Development Work. We raise funds as the needs arise for projects.

BBC CIN funding for our Summer School Project will end in August 2026.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a Deed of Trust.

Election of Trustees

The Officers of the Charity come up for election annually. One third of the Management Committee members shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but are eligible for re-election or re-appointment. All paid up members of the Association are circulated with invitations to nominate replacements for retiring Trustees for appointment at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The Trustees manage the Charity. The Trustees meet monthly on every third Friday of the month, 10 times a year, and are mostly concerned with policy matters and the proper functioning of the community centre. Officers present verbal monthly reports to the Committee. The Treasurer however monitors our budget and produces a three-monthly written report of spending to the Management Committee.

Our Treasurer is extremely hands on and provides regular financial reports to our Management Committee meetings for discussion and approval. Other Committees and Working Groups are formed on a temporary basis as appropriate.

Responsibilities for the day-to-day management of the Charity lie with the Manager/Development Co-ordinator with powers and responsibilities approved by the Trustees - verbal monthly reports and written three monthly reports are received by the Trustees. The Manager/Development Co-ordinator is line managed by the Chairman or a delegated officer.

Induction and training of new General Committee trustees

Trustees are provided with a handbook containing key documents. New Trustees are inducted by meeting with officers who explain their roles and responsibilities. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the understanding of their role.

Some members of the Management Committee and staff received Safeguarding Training in 2025, but the training is ongoing.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, including possible claims in respect of the annual Caribbean Carnival and any issues arising from the use of the community centre and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate those risks. The Association is insured for employer, public liability and professional indemnity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

517068

Principal address

Community/Cultural Centre
Carrington Street
Derby
Derbyshire
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Trustees

G Mighty Chairman
L G Newby Vice Chairman (resigned 9.11.2025)
Miss A P Mighty Secretary
Mrs M Mosley Asst. Secretary
Mrs M Slater Treasurer
Mrs M Dean
Miss N V Hudson Vice Chair
Mrs J Coleman
Mrs P H Samuel
Miss M Barrett Assistant Treasurer
Professor C Wright (appointed 9.11.2025)
Mrs C B Stewart

Independent Examiner

Mrs K F Shapcott FCA
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

G Mighty - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derby West Indian Community Association

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Derby West Indian Community Association
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Derby West Indian Community Association (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mrs K F Shapcott FCA

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11 September 2026

Derby West Indian Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Charitable activities					
Carnival		-	111,654	111,654	119,123
Others		2,061	-	2,061	15,323
BBC Children in Need		-	-	-	36,662
ESTP Project		-	119,132	119,132	118,474
Warm Hub		-	4,270	4,270	4,000
We Move Fund		-	-	-	25,865
Cycle UK		-	186	186	-
HAF Project		-	-	-	6,958
EMCCAN Costume Show		-	12,565	12,565	-
Other trading activities	2	25,460	4	25,464	34,864
Investment income	3	6,144	-	6,144	6,634
Total		33,665	247,811	281,476	367,903
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Carnival		-	189,280	189,280	147,569
Youth activities and summer school - BBC Children in Need		-	5,394	5,394	-
Others		41,939	-	41,939	52,091
BBC Children in Need		-	3,776	3,776	9,830
ESTP Project		-	40,724	40,724	60,261
Warm Hub		-	3,847	3,847	4,259
We Move Fund		-	2,632	2,632	5,893
Windrush		-	-	-	3,870
Cycle UK		-	20	20	-
Big Lottery		-	45,041	45,041	-
HAF Project		-	-	-	1,827
EMCCAN Costume Show		-	9,972	9,972	-
Other		-	4,000	4,000	-
Total		41,939	304,686	346,625	285,600
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(8,274)	(56,875)	(65,149)	82,303
Transfers between funds	12	328,422	(328,422)	-	-
Net movement in funds		320,148	(385,297)	(65,149)	82,303
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		83,545	512,770	596,315	514,012
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		403,693	127,473	531,166	596,315

The notes form part of these financial statements

Derby West Indian Community Association

Balance Sheet
31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	14,512	127,473	141,985	149,558
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	1,576	-	1,576	3,196
Prepayments and accrued income		527	-	527	12,424
Cash at bank and in hand		390,284	-	390,284	443,561
		392,387	-	392,387	459,181
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(163)	-	(163)	(540)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		392,224	-	392,224	458,641
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		406,736	127,473	534,209	608,199
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	11	(3,043)	-	(3,043)	(11,884)
NET ASSETS		403,693	127,473	531,166	596,315
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				403,693	83,545
Restricted funds				127,473	512,770
TOTAL FUNDS				531,166	596,315

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

G Mighty - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs
The support costs are allocated to each activity pro-rata in proportion with the level of activity.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	2% on cost
Plant and machinery	-	10% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	25% on cost

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. The charity's activities are currently outside the scope of VAT. Unrecovered VAT suffered is written off to the relevant expenditure.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2026	2025
	£	£
Car park income	14,538	19,261
Room hire	10,926	15,603
	25,464	34,864

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Deposit account interest	6,144	6,634

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Totals
	£	£	£
Carnival	159,504	29,776	189,280
Youth activities and summer school - BBC	3,788	1,606	5,394
Children in Need	4,984	36,955	41,939
Others	-	3,776	3,776
BBC Children in Need	5,671	35,053	40,724
ESTP Project	3,385	462	3,847
Warm Hub	2,632	-	2,632
We Move Fund	-	20	20
Cycle UK	-	45,041	45,041
Big Lottery	9,972	-	9,972
EMCCAN Costume Show	189,936	152,689	342,625

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Other resources expended	4,000	-	4,000
Carnival	29,776	-	29,776
Youth activities and summer school - BBC	1,606	-	1,606
Children in Need	32,841	4,114	36,955
Others	3,776	-	3,776
BBC Children in Need	35,053	-	35,053
ESTP Project	462	-	462
Warm Hub	20	-	20
Cycle UK	45,041	-	45,041
Big Lottery	152,575	4,114	156,689

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trustees' fees	5,280	7,488

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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS - continued

Trustees' expenses

The following trustees were reimbursed for expenditure made on behalf of the charity during the year:-

	2025	2024
	£	£
Mr G Mighty	2,013	1,680
Mrs M Slater	846	841
Miss A P Mighty	1,733	1,606

7. STAFF COSTS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	52,488	56,558
Social security costs	5,656	3,539
Other pension costs	907	847
	59,051	60,944

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Staff	3	10

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	209,999	6,770	67,739
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025	80,000	6,144	55,351
Charge for year	4,000	63	1,860
At 31 March 2026	84,000	6,207	57,211
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	125,999	563	10,528
At 31 March 2025	129,999	626	12,388

	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026	9,400	21,060	314,968
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2025	9,382	14,533	165,410
Charge for year	18	1,632	7,573
At 31 March 2026	9,400	16,165	172,983
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2026	-	4,895	141,985
At 31 March 2025	18	6,527	149,558

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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,576	3,196

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2026	2025
	£	£
Taxation and social security	163	540

11. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,043	11,884

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.25	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.26
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	83,545	(8,274)	328,422	403,693
Restricted funds				
Carnival	-	(77,625)	77,625	-
Fixed Assets	129,999	(4,000)	-	125,999
BBC Children in Need	130,889	(9,170)	(120,245)	1,474
National Lottery Fund	148,946	(45,041)	(103,905)	-
Dilapidations fund	30,624	-	(30,624)	-
Warm Hub	-	422	(422)	-
Windrush	9,976	-	(9,976)	-
Cycle UK	-	168	(168)	-
We Move Fund	-	(2,632)	2,632	-
Community Action	4,121	-	(4,121)	-
ESTP Project	58,215	78,410	(136,625)	-
EMCCAN Costume Show	-	2,593	(2,593)	-
	512,770	(56,875)	(328,422)	127,473
TOTAL FUNDS	596,315	(65,149)	-	531,166

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	33,665	(41,939)	(8,274)
Restricted funds			
Carnival	111,655	(189,280)	(77,625)
Fixed Assets	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
BBC Children in Need	-	(9,170)	(9,170)
National Lottery Fund	-	(45,041)	(45,041)
Warm Hub	4,269	(3,847)	422
Cycle UK	188	(20)	168
We Move Fund	-	(2,632)	(2,632)
ESTP Project	119,134	(40,724)	78,410
EMCCAN Costume Show	12,565	(9,972)	2,593
	247,811	(304,686)	(56,875)
TOTAL FUNDS	281,476	(346,625)	(65,149)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted fund	77,679	6,875	(1,009)	83,545
Restricted funds				
Carnival	-	(26,261)	26,261	-
Fixed Assets	133,999	(4,000)	-	129,999
BBC Children in Need	67,603	26,500	36,786	130,889
National Lottery Fund	148,946	-	-	148,946
Dilapidations fund	25,624	-	5,000	30,624
Warm Hub	-	(258)	258	-
Windrush	13,846	(3,870)	-	9,976
ESTP Project	25,381	-	(25,381)	-
We Move Fund	16,813	19,973	(36,786)	-
Community Action	4,121	-	-	4,121
ESTP Project	-	58,215	-	58,215
HAF Project	-	5,129	(5,129)	-
	436,333	75,428	1,009	512,770
TOTAL FUNDS	514,012	82,303	-	596,315

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted fund	54,323	(47,448)	6,875
Restricted funds			
Carnival	121,620	(147,881)	(26,261)
Fixed Assets	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
BBC Children in Need	36,661	(10,161)	26,500
Warm Hub	4,001	(4,259)	(258)
Windrush	-	(3,870)	(3,870)
We Move Fund	25,866	(5,893)	19,973
ESTP Project	118,476	(60,261)	58,215
HAF Project	6,956	(1,827)	5,129
	313,580	(238,152)	75,428
TOTAL FUNDS	367,903	(285,600)	82,303

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.26 £
Unrestricted fund	77,679	(1,399)	327,413	403,693
Restricted funds				
Carnival	-	(103,886)	103,886	-
Fixed Assets	133,999	(8,000)	-	125,999
BBC Children in Need	67,603	17,330	(83,459)	1,474
National Lottery Fund	148,946	(45,041)	(103,905)	-
Dilapidations fund	25,624	-	(25,624)	-
Warm Hub	-	164	(164)	-
Windrush	13,846	(3,870)	(9,976)	-
Cycle UK	-	168	(168)	-
ESTP Project	25,381	-	(25,381)	-
We Move Fund	16,813	17,341	(34,154)	-
Community Action	4,121	-	(4,121)	-
ESTP Project	-	136,625	(136,625)	-
HAF Project	-	5,129	(5,129)	-
EMCCAN Costume Show	-	2,593	(2,593)	-
	436,333	18,553	(327,413)	127,473
TOTAL FUNDS	514,012	17,154	-	531,166

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted fund	87,988	(89,387)	(1,399)
Restricted funds			
Carnival	233,275	(337,161)	(103,886)
Fixed Assets	-	(8,000)	(8,000)
BBC Children in Need	36,661	(19,331)	17,330
National Lottery Fund	-	(45,041)	(45,041)
Warm Hub	8,270	(8,106)	164
Windrush	-	(3,870)	(3,870)
Cycle UK	188	(20)	168
We Move Fund	25,866	(8,525)	17,341
ESTP Project	237,610	(100,985)	136,625
HAF Project	6,956	(1,827)	5,129
EMCCAN Costume Show	12,565	(9,972)	2,593
	561,391	(542,838)	18,553
TOTAL FUNDS	649,379	(632,225)	17,154

Carnival - This is a fund provided by EMCCAN C.I.C for the staging of the annual Caribbean carnival.

BBC Children in Need - This is a fund provided by BBC Children in Need in order to run the Summer School and also the We Move Fund.

National Lottery Fund - This is a fund provided by The National Lottery Fund which is being used to run the Stronger Together project and Even Stronger Together project.

Fixed Assets - This represents the building situated at Carrington Street, Derby. It is being amortised over 50 years.

New Grant - National Lottery - "Even Stronger Together Project" (ESTP2) - Project to start from April 2023 for 3 years.

Windrush - This fund provided by Equality & Justice for 2 years from January 2023.

Community Action - This fund is provided by Derby City Council for half-term activities.

At the year end there has been a transfer from several funds to move the final fund balances to the general fund. This is due to a misallocation of funds expended that were within the general fund that should have been allocated to a restricted fund. These funds were expended in line with the restricted funds requirements at the time that the expense was incurred for each of the projects.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2026.

14. GOING CONCERN

The General Committee have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements, that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This is dependent upon the support of the charity's funders and bankers, which is expected to continue. For these reasons, the General Committee continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.