

Sherwood Community Association CIO
(Registered charity, number 1158333)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2026

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**Sherwood Community Association CIO
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2026**

Full name Sherwood Community Association CIO

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1158333

Principal address

Sherwood Community Centre, Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road, Sherwood,
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Trustees

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Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41
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Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 22/08/2014.

Trustees are recruited through informal interest at publicity events as well as through personal professional recommendations and unsolicited interest and applications in line with our Policy for Recruitment of Trustees. Trustees are elected annually at the AGM, or co-opted under terms of the Constitution (19 May 2014) and the Policy for Recruitment of Trustees.

Objectives and activities

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together they said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations 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. To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Sherwood Community Centre has a Main Hall, Annexe and several meeting rooms which are rented out per session to a wide variety of groups including charities, self-help, support, well-being, fitness, education etc. These rooms are also available for parties and social/cultural/religious events and celebrations.

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We have a reduced rental rate for charities making the building more accessible and affordable for their use. Approximately 20 different charities use the Centre throughout the year. There are also offices and clubrooms rented out to charities, counsellors and other organisations providing support, well-being, fitness and education. There is a great deal of preventative work happening supporting health, wellbeing, early intervention through the Sherwood Playgroup alongside individual support and specialised self-help groups.

Sherwood Community Centre, like many Community Centres, is far more than a building. It is a safe and welcoming place where people connect, feel supported, and belong.

- we reduce loneliness and support wellbeing.
- we bring together people of all ages and backgrounds.
- we provide affordable activities, trusted relationships, and early support before problems reach crisis point.
- we create opportunities for people to learn, volunteer, create, and build community pride.
- we work alongside local organisations, charities, health services, and residents to respond to community needs.
- Community Centres like ours provide early support, reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, and help prevent greater pressure on health and public services.

Sherwood Community Centre works with a diverse cross-section of Nottingham's communities and aims to provide welcoming, inclusive, and respectful spaces where people feel safe, valued, and connected. We regularly work alongside people of different ages, faiths, ethnicities, abilities, backgrounds, and lived experiences, helping encourage understanding, connection, and stronger community relationships.

“For many people, the Community Centre is not just somewhere they visit - it is somewhere they feel they belong.”

Every week, Sherwood Community Centre is used by hundreds of local people of all ages for activities, support services, meetings, events, and celebrations.

As a Centre, we currently:

- support between 50 and 70 groups, activities, and community sessions each week
- provide office and group space for 9 organisations. 4 of those rooms are for registered Charities.
- benefit from the support of a large network of volunteers involved across community groups, activities, events, and centre projects.
- welcome 700+ visits every week.
- provide opportunities for wellbeing, creativity, movement, support, learning, and connection.

The age range provided for includes pre-natal, post-natal, children and adults of all ages including those who have retired right through to individuals in their 80's.

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The Community Café provides affordable meals and has become a thriving hub in the Centre, regularly used by both Users and other members of the Community as its reputation has grown. It has been able to provide buffet lunches for training groups and continues to support fundraising activities and events. The Cafe is often used for events and has a 5-star food hygiene certificate. We have a pay-it-forward scheme for hot drinks in the winter and discretionary support for meals when available.

The various User Groups/Charities include:

- Sherwood Playgroup CIO, which is an early years Childcare CIO setting receiving Term-time Government funding, which is distributed by Nottingham City Council and reports to NCC, who oversee settings which are part of their Statutory Provision in the City. The group has a strong reputation of providing care and education for children with a range of needs and disabilities and staff have a range of qualifications and extensive up-to-date training.
- A charity supporting male and female survivors of childhood sexual, physical, psychological abuse, neglect, incest, and rape, and those exploited by sex and violence, with a wide range of holistic interventions.
- Support and counselling to bereaved parents.
- Support and counselling group for women
- Mental Health Counselling.
- Counselling to support giving up smoking, improved diet and other health matters.
- Aphasia.
- Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Versus Arthritis.
- Alzheimer's support.
- Open Wings Education for Adults with Learning Difficulties CIC.
- Pre-natal Yoga.
- Parent and Toddler Yoga.
- Kids' Yoga.
- Various Adult Yoga classes.
- Dance education and fitness including Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz Dance and Acrobatics for children and adults, with examinations/qualifications which are part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) / Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).
- Movement and Dance for babies and toddlers.
- Fitness classes, including chair-based for those with disabilities or limited mobility
- Turkish language school, where children have the opportunity to learn their native language and to learn more about Turkish history, traditions and cultural values.
- Various organisations giving training in First Aid, Health and Social Care.
- Community Food Garden.
- Thriving Nottingham, who run various health and exercise related programmes.
- Social sewing.
- Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society, sharing an at-risk heritage craft.
- Monthly Sound baths.
- Quarterly Ecstatic Dance.
- Reiki.
- Various meditation groups such as Buddhist meditation.
- Dance Summer School.

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- Christadelphian support sessions.
- Various crafting and social groups.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- We reduce loneliness and support well-being, building local connections, empowering our community, and preserving local heritage.
- We bring together people of all ages and backgrounds, providing activities which benefit the body and mind, thus supporting mental and physical health of the community. Sherwood Community Centre provides space for a wide range of activities and support services that help improve physical health, emotional wellbeing, confidence, and social connection.
- We also host a range of activities focused on relaxation, mindfulness, movement, and emotional wellbeing including:
 - Yoga
 - Qigong
 - Meditation
 - Sound baths
 - Reiki

These sessions help provide calm, connection, and wellbeing support for many members of the community.

- We provide free and low-cost activities in an area where there is financial hardship.
- We provide support and support networks for those in need of support, built on trusted relationships, and early support before problems reach crisis point.
- We provide a safe space to gather.
- We create opportunities for people to learn, volunteer, create, and build community pride.
- We work alongside local organisations, charities, health services, and residents to respond to community needs, including an accessible space with electronic doors, accessible toilets and easier access to the Cafe and rooms on the ground floors of the building.
- Community Centres like ours provide early support, reduce isolation, improve well-being, and help prevent greater pressure on health and public services while supporting community cohesion and social engagement.
- We support and develop education leading to further learning and skills, which are shared with others.
- We offer a well-established and successful OFSTED Registered childcare setting, locally Government-funded and administered by the Local Authority, offering funded childcare for working parents and the Two year Early Learning funding a 15 hour entitlement for families receiving additional support.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

July 2025: Celebrating 75 Years

On 6th July 2025, Sherwood Community Centre celebrated its 75th anniversary with a special inter-generational community event. The celebration brought together people of all ages to share memories, stories, and connections to the building, its groups, and the wider community. Many local residents spoke proudly about their history with the Centre, including older residents who remembered attending activities and playgroups here many years ago. The day included workshops, performances, creative activities, and opportunities for people to come together and celebrate the Centre's place within the community and local history. The anniversary was a reminder of how deeply rooted the Centre is within the community and the important role it continues to play in people's lives, across generations.

In November 2025, we secured funding from The National Lottery Community Fund for a part-time Support and Development Worker role.

This hands-on role supports:

- Community activities
- Partnerships
- Funding applications
- Centre development

In February 2026, Nottingham Trent University animation students created a wonderful short animation celebrating our Community Centre, the people involved, and the positive difference being made here. As part of the project, students spent time researching the Centre and speaking to groups and individuals who use the building, to better understand the meaningful impact it has on people's lives and the wider community. The finished animation beautifully captured the sense of connection, creativity, support, and belonging found within Sherwood Community Centre.

Other achievements between April 2025-March 2026 include:

Holding a Community Forum to bring local groups together

- Sherwood Community Centre continues to provide trusted community spaces for local services, support sessions, and community engagement activities.

The Centre regularly hosts:

- Local councillor ward surgeries.
- Police beat surgeries.
- Community information events.
- Support and advice sessions.
- Polling station.
- Foster care and adoption information sessions.

Providing these services within a familiar and welcoming community setting helps improve accessibility, connection, and trust for local residents.

- We linked with Sherwood Art Week to provide free access to Craft Sessions, provided informative tours of the Grade II listed building we occupy, with opportunities for social connection and engagement in our Café space, sharing food, conversation and entertainment.

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- One of our longest-running groups is the Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace society, which has been meeting at the Centre for around 60 years, in various formats. Members continue passing traditional skills and creativity on to younger generations, and offer a self-help group, regular teaching classes and monthly Pop-in days to share the craft with friends old and new.
- We continue to have the front grounds mowed, weeded and trimmed weekly by a volunteer teams, which keeps the grounds as pleasant and welcoming as possible and offers a break out space for many of our groups.
- We are able to offer distribution of Surplus Foods from local business, to support those using the Centre subject to availability.
- The Trustees and staff have been working hard to increase bookings, private parties and group events as well as group hire in the Centre, by the use of an efficient booking system and excellent customer service.
- The Sherwood Community Centre is in an area where there are financial challenges to those living nearby and many experience financial deprivation. The Sherwood Playgroup OFSTED Registered Childcare has links locally with food banks and clothing recycling schemes to support some of those needs and signposts children and families to other support services.
- The Community Cafe has a pay-it-forward scheme and discretion is used in supporting those who may need a hot meal or drink The Café and Warm Space sessions also help reduce loneliness and social isolation, particularly during the winter months, providing opportunities for conversation, connection, and community support.
- As we are adjacent to the Wildlife Trust area, Woodthorpe Meadow, we have had increased footfall of visitors since their new signposting and access path that leads into our car park. We have also increased our usage of their area through Sherwood Playgroup Forest school sessions funded through grants.
- We have supported at network meetings and offered a venue to discuss changes to Council funding across the City, relating to Community Centres.
- We continue to have engagement with local Councillors who hold a surgery within our Café space. We are also a Polling Station.
- A Tapathon in aid of Children in Need took place in November, organised by Elevation Dance with other locals taking part.
- We hold regular volunteer sessions. Sherwood Community Centre has stayed open thanks to the dedication of volunteers past and present. Over the years, many hardworking committee members have given their time, energy, skills, and care to keep the Centre running. Some have moved on from committee roles but still continue volunteering and supporting the Centre today. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped maintain and protect this important community space.
- The weekly Turkish School has been an important part of the Centre and has become increasingly involved in wider community activities and events taking place at Sherwood Community Centre. It has been wonderful to see families attending wider Centre events and activities, helping strengthen inclusion, connection, and shared community experiences across different groups and generations.
- Some activities and resources have been funded through a grant from the More in Common Partnership, and brought together people of different ages, backgrounds, and communities in a welcoming and creative environment. Events have encouraged creativity, conversation, inclusion, and shared experiences, with local groups and residents coming together to take part in activities side-by-side, reflecting the

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Centre's ongoing commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and creating welcoming spaces where different communities can come together through shared experiences.

- During uncertain times for community spaces across Nottingham, staff, volunteers, and local residents not only worked hard to keep our doors open, but also campaigned to protect vital community services across our city, showed the strength, passion, and determination of local people wanting to preserve and keep open valuable community spaces.

Financial review

At the end of the financial year (April 2025 to March 2026), Sherwood Community Association CIO has strengthened its financial position. This reflects prudent financial management and the successful delivery of a broad range of community activities. Our total income for the year was £153,373, with room hire and grant funding being the most significant contributors. Total expenditure stood at £128,807 including key operational costs such as wages and utilities.

Trustees are pleased with the organisation's increasing financial health, particularly as it allows us to maintain continuity of services, invest in our premises, and plan future community programmes with greater confidence.

The charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient reserves are held in a charity investment savings account to ensure the safe running of the Centre for a period of at least 3 months, and to cover any redundancies, including pension contributions, should the need arise. Trustees are continuing to work towards increasing this reserve level to cover 6 months of core operating costs. This will enhance the Centre's financial security and ensure greater resilience in the face of unexpected challenges.

Financial risk

Nottingham City Council continues plans to reduce its support for Community Centres. Since 1949 (official opening July 1950) Sherwood Community Association- which became Sherwood Community Association CIO in 2014- has run Sherwood Community Centre, providing community services and activities on behalf of the Council, under a Service Level Agreement until recent years. The building is owned by the Council and for 75 years they have paid for repairs, maintenance, waste disposal, water services, Health and Safety Training and provided a grant which has reduced gradually since 2014, and has now been cut altogether.

We continue seeking grants to enable us to continue to run, although the climate has become more challenging and competitive.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Tracey Holland, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sherwood Community Association CIO
for the year ended 31 March 2026**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Association CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed _____ Date _____

Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2026

2025				2026	
Total			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£		Note	£	£	£
	Receipts				
1534	Bank interest		1271	-	1271
22287	Grants & donations	2	3024	44738	47762
250	Membership		300	-	300
76308	Rents		90038	-	90038
-	Fundraising		276	-	276
27	Equipment hire		-	-	-
10272	Café		13067	-	13067
2042	Zumba income		-	-	-
157	Sundry income		85	-	85
-	Unapplied cash payment income		574	-	574
<u>112877</u>	Total receipts		<u>108635</u>	<u>44738</u>	<u>153373</u>
	Payments				
2	Bank charge		50	-	50
833	Licences		193	-	193
613	Equipment repairs and renewals		464	4697	5161
1607	Insurance		1782	-	1782
6287	legal & professional		7425	36	7461
7	Printing, postage and stationery		10	20	30
364	Premises maintenance		2758	8993	11751
2629	Office & general expenses		3141	1716	4857
367	Subscriptions		255	-	255
4246	Telephone		3797	328	4125
19998	Utilities		17439	-	17439
59263	Wages, tax & NI		56661	8479	65140
48	Sundry expenditure		1	234	235
776	Fundraising		-	-	-
3088	Provisions		3705	992	4697
90	Training		48	-	48
280	Website		358	-	358
3010	Security		4964	-	4964
-	Volunteer expenses		24	237	261
<u>103508</u>	Total payments		<u>103075</u>	<u>25732</u>	<u>128807</u>
9369	Net receipts/(payments)		5560	19006	24566
<u>43016</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>46840</u>	<u>5545</u>	<u>52385</u>
52385	Cash funds at end of this period		52400	24551	76951

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2026

2025			2026
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
51891	Bank accounts		75005
494	Cash in hand		1946
<u>52385</u>			<u>76951</u>
	Other monetary assets		
19	Prepayment- subscription		60
<u>19</u>			<u>60</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Cooker purchased in 2019 at a cost of £899		
	Mobile phones purchased in 2026 at a cost of £1077		
	Liabilities		
(1474)	Creditors	4	(1809)
<u>(1474)</u>			<u>(1809)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Date _____
Eva Codrington, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Nottingham City Council	936	10013	10949
Albert Hunt	-	5000	5000
NCVS	-	7401	7401
National Lottery Community Fund	-	19824	19824
Jones 1986 Charitable Trust	-	2500	2500
Groundworks UK	500	-	500
Co-Operative Group	500	-	500
General donations	1088	-	1088
	3024	44738	47762

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Near Neighbours	3010	-	(3010)	-
Thomas Farr	2000	-	(2000)	-
Garden Waste	400	-	-	400
Lidl Fundraising	135	-	(40)	95
Albert Hunt	-	5000	(5000)	-
Community Cohesion	-	7401	(986)	6415
Jones Trust	-	2500	(2500)	-
Lottery	-	19824	(2183)	17641
Repairs Fund UKPF	-	10013	(10013)	-
	5545	44738	(25732)	24551
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	46840	108635	(103075)	52400
	46840	108635	(103075)	52400

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Thomas Farr Trust: to provide a free monthly community get together free refreshments from our Community Café and volunteer expenses.

Lidl Fundraising: is for fundraising costs.

Garden Waste: is for garden clearing.

Near Neighbours Fund: a small grants programme, administered by the Church Urban fund that supported projects in diverse neighbourhoods across England to bring together people from different faiths and ethnicities.

Albert Hunt: funding the support/development/co-ordinator post.

Community Cohesion: Funds are restricted to a part-time worker post (5 hrs/week), local workshop hosts and facilitators delivering six inclusive creative and cultural workshops, volunteer travel/subsistence expenses, cultural exchange materials and activity resources, community event food and refreshments.

Jones Trust: funds are used solely for the purpose specified in the application, and the Trust must be acknowledged in the accounts.

Lottery: funding the support/development/co-ordinator post/ staff salary, equipment, and volunteer costs.

Repairs Fund UKPF: – Community Venues & Spaces 2025–2026 scheme, designated for various maintenance and repair works, including roofing, Oracle works, Blackmore fire exit steps, RK Property Services works, and Grays Locksmiths fire doors.

4. Creditors

	£
HMRC	1059
Independent examination fee	750
	<u>1809</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.