

Lanthorn Community Education Association

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2026

CHARITY NUMBER - SC005904

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended
31st MARCH 2026

Reference and administration details

Charity Name:	Lanthorn Community Education Association	
Scottish Charity Number:	SC005904	
Principal address:	Kenilworth Rise Dedridge Livingston EH54 6JJ	
Trustees:	Peter Crawford Stuart Dalgleish Douglas Laing Christine Wallace	Chairperson Vice-chairperson Secretary Treasurer
Independent Examiner	Name	James Whitelaw
Bank:	Name	Bank of Scotland
	Address	Almondvale South, Livingston, EH54 6NB

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the Centre's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting.

Governing document

The Centre is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to manage and operate the Centre to provide educational and leisure facilities for the local community on behalf of West Lothian Council.

Activities and achievements

During the financial year 2025 to 2026, the Lanthorn Community Association continued to develop and expand its services to the local community following the reopening of the Lanthorn Centre after the RAAC roof repair works. The centre has seen significant growth in community engagement, with a number of new groups established, alongside new commercial lets including Sing in the City and Buzz Football. The Lanthorn Food Project continued to provide essential support to local families during the year. The centre café recorded a sustained increase in footfall from October 2025 onwards, with income rising accordingly. The centre's social media has attracted significant views, demonstrating strong community interest in the centre and its activities. The committee thanks all staff, volunteers and affiliated groups for their continued commitment to the Lanthorn Centre and the community it serves.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Reserves

The Centre held restricted funds of £33,988.48

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Douglas Laing

Douglas Laing, Secretary
30-Apr-26

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts
of Lanthorn Community Education Association
for the year ended
31st MARCH 2026**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise Receipts & Payments account, the balance sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the charities and trustee investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Account (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of regulation 10 (1) (d) of the accounts regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as require under section 44 (1) c of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the charities accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006. An examination includes review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - : to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44 1 a of the 2005 act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 accounts regulations and
 - : to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 accounts regulations have not been met or
2. to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

James Whitelaw

30th April 2026

James Whitelaw, ACMA CGMA FMAAT

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

Fellow Member of Association of Accounting Technicians

Associate Chartered Management Accountant

Chartered Global Management Accountant

**Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended
31st MARCH 2026**

	Notes	2025 / 26 £	2024 / 25 £
Receipts			
- Affiliation fees	2	3,977.50	662.50
- Room hire	3	23,965.19	2,979.93
- Other income	4	78,665.93	83,706.96
Total Receipts		106,608.62	87,349.39
Payments			
- Cost of charitable activities	6	114,792.96	69,830.96
- Governance costs	7	400.00	400.00
		115,192.96	70,230.96
- Asset and investment purchases	8	1,441.07	1,161.16
Total Payments		116,634.03	71,392.12
Surplus/(deficit) for year		- 10,025.41	15,957.27
Fund balances brought forward		52,035.95	36,078.68
Fund balances carried forward		42,010.54	52,035.95
Restricted funds = £33,988.48			

**Statement of Balances as at
31st MARCH 2026**

Note	2025 - 2026 £	2024 - 2025 £
Bank and cash in hand		
Cash in hand	90.61	199.33
Bank account	41,587.17	51,461.59
Sumup Account	332.76	375.03
Savings Account	-	-
Total bank and cash in hand	42,010.54	52,035.95
Reserves		
Restricted fund:	33,988.48	26,739.80
Café Salary	10,000.00	
Restricted Salaries	21,957.00	
Restricted Other	2,031.48	
Unrestricted fund	8,022.06	25,296.15
Total Reserves	42,010.54	52,035.95

At 31st March 2026, the centre held vouchers valued at £245.00, relating to a donation from Scotmid. These vouchers will be used for food shop purchases.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Peter Crawford

Peter Crawford, Chairperson

30th April 2026

**Notes to the accounts
for the year ended
31st MARCH 2026**

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. They have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, rather than an accruals basis.

	2025 - 26	2024 - 25
2 Analysis of affiliation fees received	3,978	663
3 Room Hire	23,965	2,980
4 Other Income		
Café Income	49,688	9,962
Assoc / Invoices	1,417	0
Café funding	12,000	12,000
Bowlers	1,485	0
WLC Equipment	4,992	0
Donations / Funding:		
Food Shop Donations	7,499	10,253
Other Donations	1,585	340
WLC	0	38,226
ERI Scheme	0	3,776
Lottery	0	9,150
	78,666	83,707
5 Staff Costs		
Permanent Staff	4	3
6 General Administrative Expenses	2025 - 26	2024 - 25
Salaries, Wages & Pension	75,162	49,927
Café	20,931	7,661
Lanthorn Food Project	6,279	7,056
Misc	4,956	0
WLC to refund	2,504	2,488
Lottery Expenses	2,088	65
Equip / Inc / Refurb	1,753	0
Bowlers	1,485	0
Telephone & Internet	457	69
Hospitality	416	0
Office and Other Expenses	204	2,020
Community Investment	0	1,706
Food Stock @ 31/03/26	(1,441)	(1,161)
	114,793	69,831
7 Governance Costs		
Independent examiner fee	400	400
8 Asset and investment purchases		
Food Stock held at 31st March 2026	1,441	1,161
9 Trustees		
No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year		
10 Movement in reserves (unrestricted)		
Opening Balance	52,036	36,079
Surplus/(deficit) for year	(10,025)	15,957
Closing Balance	42,011	52,036

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2026

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Scottish Charity Number: SC005904

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Independent Examiner: James Whitelaw

Bank: Bank of Scotland, Almondvale South, Livingston, EH54 6NB

Structure, governance and management

The Centre is a charitable unincorporated association governed by its constitution. Trustees are elected or reappointed by the members at the Association's Annual General Meeting and form the Management Committee, which meets regularly to oversee the Centre's operations.

Structure, governance and relationships

The building occupied by the Centre is owned by the Lanthorn Trust, an unincorporated trust established under the 1983 Deed of Trust, with no shared trustees or other governance links to the Association. The Lanthorn Trust leases the building to West Lothian Council, which in turn subleases it to the Association. Under this arrangement, West Lothian Council currently covers the maintenance and running costs of the building, while the Association funds and employs its own staff.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, are to manage and operate the Centre to provide educational and leisure facilities for the local community on behalf of West Lothian Council.

Objectives and achievements

During the financial year 2025 to 2026, the Lanthorn Community Association continued to develop and expand its services to the local community following the reopening of the Lanthorn Centre after the RAAC roof repair works. The centre has seen significant growth in community engagement, with a number of new groups established, alongside new commercial lets including Sing in the City and Buzz Football. The Lanthorn Food Project continued to provide essential support to local families during the year. The centre café recorded a sustained increase in footfall from October 2025 onwards, with income rising accordingly. The centre's social media has attracted significant views, demonstrating strong community interest in the centre and its activities. The committee thanks all staff, volunteers and affiliated groups for their continued commitment to the Lanthorn Centre and the community it serves.

Financial Review

The Association reported a deficit of £10,025.41 for the year, compared with a surplus in the previous year. Comparisons between the two years should be viewed in the context of the Centre reopening on 13 January 2025 following the RAAC closure. The 2025/26 financial year was therefore the first full year of normal operations, with café income increasing and room hire and community activities returning throughout the year.

The year's financial position also reflects changes in funding received across the two years. National Lottery funding of £9,150 was received in 2024/25 and did not recur in 2025/26. Café salary funding of £12,000 was awarded for three consecutive years and continues to support staff costs.

Unrestricted reserves were also affected by one off expenditure during the year, including the Management Committee's decision to settle accumulated staff hours of £2,337.06. As a result, the financial performance of the two years is not directly comparable, reflecting the timing of grant funding, one off expenditure, and the return to full operations following the RAAC closure.

Reserves

The Association holds total designated and restricted reserves of £33,988.48 at the year end.

This comprises a designated reserve of £21,957.00, approved by the Management Committee in February 2026 to provide for potential future redundancy costs. This reserve is held as a mitigation against the personal liability risk to trustees arising from staff contracts under the Association's current unincorporated status.

Restricted reserves total £12,031.48, comprising £10,000.00 for café salary costs and £2,031.48 held for the Lanthorn Food Project (£1,700.45) and Lottery funds (£331.03), in accordance with the conditions under which they were received.

Unrestricted reserves stood at £8,022.06 at the year end, down from £25,296.15 the previous year, reflecting the year's deficit. The level of reserves will be reviewed regularly by the Management Committee to ensure they remain appropriate to the Association's needs.

Future Plans

The Management Committee intends to continue promoting the Centre within the local community, attract new groups and users, and explore further funding opportunities to benefit the wider area served by the Centre.

Trustee remuneration and expenses

The trustees did not receive any remuneration or expenses during the year.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Douglas Laing, Secretary

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