CAWH
Community Association for West Hampstead
Bringing the local community together

Annual Report 2025 - 2026



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Our Community, Our Purpose

The Community Association for West Hampstead (CAWH) aims to improve the life, health, and social wellbeing of the whole community in West Hampstead, particularly children, young people and older people at risk of isolation. We play an important role in bringing people together and helping to make West Hampstead a cohesive community and an enjoyable, inclusive and sustainable neighbourhood.

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Hall Hire

Our attractive hall and kitchen are available for hire for parties, meetings and regular groups at reasonable rates.

CAWH 101 Lottery Club

CAWH invites you to join our 101 Club. For a pledge of £5 a month you stand to win a jackpot of £100 in our monthly draw. The 101 Club helps fund CAWH's programmes for the community.
To become a member please visit cawh.org.uk/page/101-lottery
CAWH 101 Club Organiser **Geoff Berridge**.
Email: 101club@cawh.org.uk
Tel: 07801 352 890.
Geoff can help you set up your membership should you need assistance.
Alternatively, scan the QR code below to become a 101 Club Lottery Member.

* Cover Photo: Dance for Fitness & Zumba Gold Christmas Party Dec 2025

Chair's Report

Last year's report commented on a period of considerable change for CAWH, with a new chair of trustees, new trustees, and staff in new roles. This year those changes have bedded in and we have worked towards expansion of activities and also greater stability in the organisation.

Our lively staff team have become well known in the local area and to users of the Centre. CAWH's excellent trustees have continued to show their worth during the year. We held a very successful Awayday which produced some key priority areas for the organisation and these have been taken forward in trustee working parties. Trustees contribute to three sub committees-marketing, finance and general purposes and fund raising.The latter committee conducted a review of potential grant funders and we have a key list of organisations which we use to approach to fund our many activities.

CAWH continues to have no regular core funding but we were pleased to receive funds from local ward councillors CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) fund of £10,000 a year for three years.

New activities have been introduced, in particular a volunteer run monthly film club and a very successful woodworking course which has been re run several times and for which we now have Camden funding for training the unwaged.

Volunteers have continued to organise some of the classes in the Keeping Well Together project, notably Hand Sewing, French Conversation, the Book Club, and ESOL. Our programme of events for the whole community partly organised by trustees has continued. Our popular childrens' programme is always fully booked and we have discussed how to expand it to a wider age group, in particular teenagers.

Meanwhile the technology which enables CAWH to grow has been renewed, notably our website, thanks to trustee input, the newsletter and the 101 Lottery Club. A volunteer has played a key role in making sure our posters and other information are produced with a uniform badging which helps with our visibility in the area. Another trustee has produced a valuable impact report which underlines the work we do and will be attractive to funders. CAWH has become the regular meeting place for local organisations such as the Neighbourhood Development Forum. Its small hall and disabled access makes it attractive to local organisations for their meetings.

I would like to thank everyone who has enabled this positive year, staff, trustees, tutors and volunteers, together with the neighbouring community which gives us their support.

Virginia Berridge, Chair of Trustees



Manager's Report

This year has been one of growth, connection, and renewed energy across the Community Association for West Hampstead. As Centre Manager, I oversee our Keeping Well Together (KWT) programme, which continues to be fully integrated into the manager's role. With KWT funding ending in March 2026, securing future support to sustain our wide range of activities and core costs remains a key priority for the coming year.

Our programme expanded significantly, offering diverse opportunities for residents to stay active, creative, connected, and supported. Dance for Fitness continued to draw strong attendance, complemented by our seated exercise class delivered in partnership with Walfinch, promoting gentle mobility and social connection. Our weekly Community Lunch remained a vital space for warmth and companionship, serving homemade soup to an average of 16 people each week, with Camden Council funding an expanded winter offer earlier this year.

We strengthened our wellbeing and safety support through Book Club sessions led by a volunteer in partnership with West Hampstead Library, quarterly Death Cafés, and the introduction of Coffee with a Copper, giving residents a trusted space to speak directly with their local PCSO. These sessions are now embedded into our regular programme. Support for residents living with cognitive impairment grew meaningfully. Our Memory Café, generously sponsored by Right at Home, expanded and has now inspired similar initiatives across Camden. Alongside this, we delivered 12 Music for the Mind sessions with a trained opera singer, 12 Art for the Mind workshops using tactile, nature based materials, and a concluding series of poetry readings led by a trained facilitator.

Creative and vocational learning remained central to our offer. Our structured art courses in life drawing, portraiture, and observation continued to attract 12 participants per class. Woodwork thrived, with three successful courses at Mill Lane Garden Centre and 48 participants gaining foundational carpentry skills. Sewing sessions enabled participants to upcycle garments and build confidence through collaborative making.

We also expanded our cultural and nature based activities. Free trips to Kew Gardens supported over 40 low income residents and families, while private viewings at the British Museum offered quieter access to major exhibitions.

Our partnership with the Restart Party Project helped residents repair broken belongings, preventing 16 kg of waste and an estimated 120 kg of CO emissions.

Language support remained essential, with ESOL and French classes led by committed professional volunteers. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of many of our activities, including ESOL, French conversation, sewing, and the Book Club.

Our Wellbeing Day in February 2025 and Skills for Life Open Day in October 2025 welcomed around 60 visitors, offering tasters in yoga, Pilates, art, carpentry, photography, and sewing. These events allowed residents to meet tutors, explore courses, and connect with the Centre without pressure to enrol.

In addition to CAWH run activities, our hall hosted a wide range of classes from long standing private hirers, including yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Ballet, Guitar Lessons, and Wellbeing through Art. These valued partnerships enrich our programme and help cover core costs.

The children's programme is reported separately by Anika, and trustee led events and the 101 Club continue to provide vital income for our core operations.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, tutors, staff trustees, and partners. Their generosity, skills, and commitment make CAWH a welcoming, creative, and supportive space for all. We could not do this work without them.

Beatrice Boussard, Centre Manager

Deputy Manager's Report

Over the past financial year, CAWH has continued to grow as a vibrant community hub, expanding our programme with new activities such as Time to Thrive, Capoeira, Wellbeing Through Art, Feldenkrais, and our monthly Film Club. Our trustees also delivered several successful fundraising events that strengthened our financial resilience and brought local residents together.

Demand for our core courses, Woodwork, Life & Portrait Drawing, and Friday Art, remained very high, often requiring waiting lists and additional sessions. Working closely with Centre Manager Beatrice Boussard, I supported the smooth running of the centre by managing our expanding booking calendar and coordinating classes, activities, and events. I delivered fire, health, and safety inductions for new hirers and, together with Beatrice, liaised with Camden Council to maintain a safe and welcoming environment.

Clear communication remained a priority. Our volunteer Dora played a key role in refreshing our monthly newsletter and designing CAWH branded promotional materials. I also helped maintain our newly launched website with Beatrice, Anika, and Trustee Susan, ensuring it stayed accurate and reflective of our growing programme.

I implemented CAWH's financial administration, including QuickBooks reconciliation, invoicing, payment collection, and timely processing of salaries and invoices. This year, I also completed my AAT Level 4 qualification, further strengthening our internal financial capacity.

Alongside the CAWH team, I supported a wide range of community building events, including the Jester Festival, Seasonal Talks, Film Screenings, and our popular Let's Cook & Eat Together sessions. We also delivered several Open Days with taster sessions such as photography and hand sewing, as well as a well received Wellbeing Open Day. I assisted in launching new classes and volunteered my time whenever possible to support CAWH's expanding programme.

Monika Fowdar, Deputy Manager



CANDY Children & Young People's Project

The CANDY sessions have been exceptionally popular throughout 2025/26, with every holiday programme fully booked, often within 48 hours of publication. Activities are promoted through email, school newsletters, and social media, ensuring they reach families across the community.

The After School Clubs cater specifically to pupils of West Hampstead Primary School and are advertised via the school office. Particular strategies have been developed to ensure that pupil premium children are targeted and we continue to explore ways of involving this group.

Holiday sessions, designed for children aged six and over (with younger children attending alongside parents), offered a wide range of creative and physical activities. Highlights included Dance, Clay, Arts & Crafts, Nature Workshops, Eco Club, Drama, Printing, and Puppet Making. These sessions provide opportunities for children to explore new skills, express themselves creatively, and build confidence in a supportive environment.

Feedback gathered through surveys and tutor reflections has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly for our arts and clay workshops. One child shared that making new friends at the holiday sessions has increased his confidence and encouraged him to enjoy being creative.

The After School Programme continues to thrive, offering six weekly sessions in Capoeira, Eco Club, Arts & Crafts, Dance, and Drama for children in Years 1 to 6. These sessions are delivered by dedicated tutors and partner organisations, including Capoeira Senzala London and Spencer Stage School, and provide consistent opportunities for children to engage in enriching activities beyond the school day.

In addition, we hosted a free Pizza & Film afternoon during the summer break, screening The Hate U Give. This event was aimed at older children and teenagers, creating a relaxed and welcoming space to socialise, connect with peers, and engage with meaningful themes explored in the film.

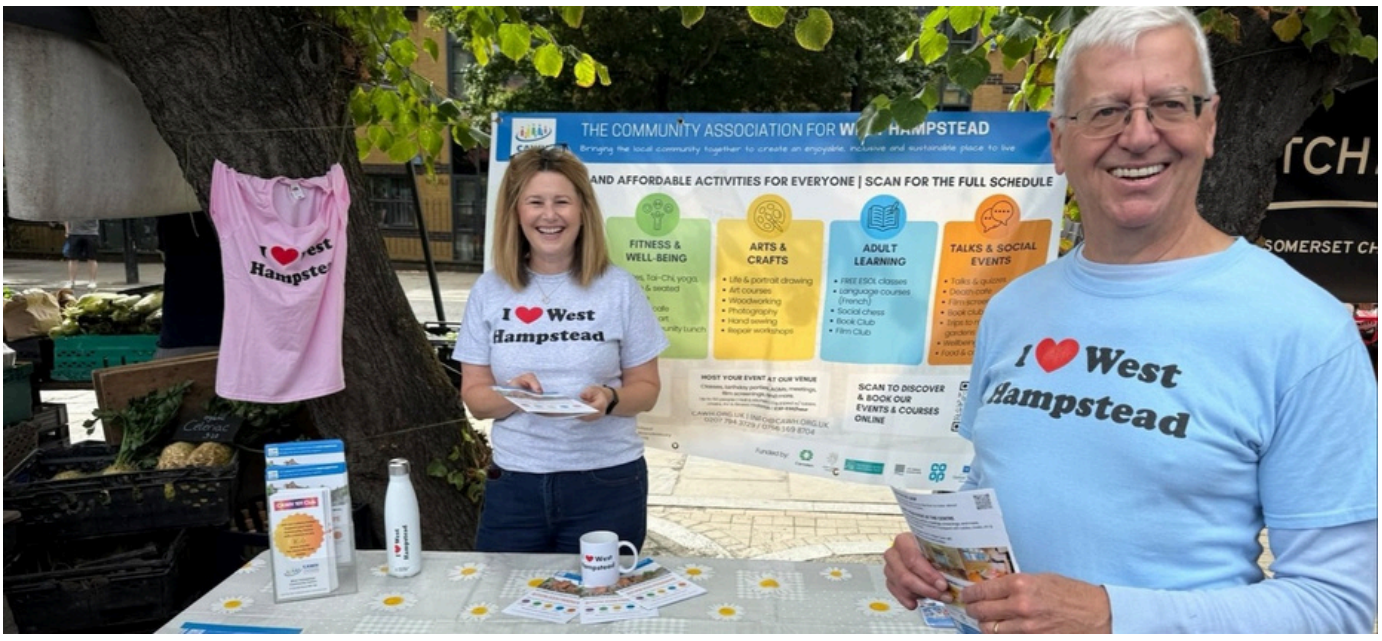
Anika Bakirtzidis, CANDY Children & Young People Project Coordinator



Community Events

The programme of events for the whole community has continued. In 2025-26 we have had events organised both by staff and by trustees. These have included a Wellbeing Day and a Skills for Life Open day, along with the very successful in-house Quiz Night and Burns Night Supper, both of which were organised thanks to amazing efforts from our trustees, Faith & Vera and volunteer Simon. In addition we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning, and several talks: on nature in West Hampstead, on West Hampstead history and on cricket and poetry by a local author and our patron Michael Simkins. Film evenings have begun to include speakers as well as films and a packed session heard John Altman, noted film music composer. We thank the poster distributors who publicise these events locally.

Virginia Berridge, Chair of Trustees



Treasurer's Report

CAWH's income for FY 2025-26 was £158,728 of which £ 69,976 was restricted to specific projects. The total expenditure was £135,413, with £74,482 relating to restricted income funds, leaving an overall net income of £23,315 for the year. We carried forward funds of £137,923 into FY 2026-27.

As healthy as this looks, much of our surplus, £48,146 relates to restricted income funds carried forward to 2026-27 for committed expenses and projects relating to our KWT and CANDY projects.

CAWH worked hard to raise funds during the year. We must however continue to work towards raising multi-year funding for core costs. Given that CAWH does not receive a sizable multi-year grant towards core costs, this remains our focus for FY 2026-27 to be able to deliver our valuable services to the community sustainably. Failing to raise multi-year funding risks us being reduced to our minimum reserve of £50,000 under the current circumstance by the end of FY 2026-27.

Grant applications were successful, and we are indebted to all our funders. We raised funding from the Hampstead Wells and Campden Trust that carries forward into 2026, along with a top up grant from City Bridge which secures the KWT projects for the time being. We have an existing 3 year grant from John Lyons Charity which ensures our CANDY children and young people's project is funded until 2027. Camden Council provided us support which helped us to increase the hours of our core staff along with a commitment of 3 year CIL funding towards core costs, starting in FY 2026.

CAWH's income from hall hire this FY was £29,973 a marginal decrease by 4.8%. Fundraising efforts continued, raising £9,248 between the 101-club lottery and CAWH community events. We earned a further £2,824 via our investments in time deposits and notice accounts.

Securing multi-year funding for projects and core costs remains our priority in the following year. It is important to note that our funding for our children's projects ends in 2027, so securing new funders to ensure that our CANDY projects continue without disruption is vital.

It is important to note that without regular core funding CAWH will always struggle to keep afloat and spend too much of its time fundraising instead of doing what we want to do: provide a plethora of services for the wellbeing of our community.

Pranay Hariharan, Treasurer



Our People

Trustees

Virginia Berridge (Chair), Mark O'Hanlon (Vice chair), Pranay Hariharan (Treasurer), Stephen Fowler (Secretary), Timiko Cranwell, Susan Eisenbach, Vera Goossens- Kennedy, Manjot Heer, Jovana Karunc, Oliver Pearce, David Richards, Miles Seaman, Faith Holland, Valerie Jolliffe (to 13/2/2026), Sharon Hardwick (to 7/11/2025), Philip Healey (to 20/5/2025)

Staff

Beatrice Boussard (Manager), Monika Fowdar (Deputy Manager), Anika Bakirtzidis (CANDY Children's Project Organiser), Aurelia Bulboaca (Cleaner).

Sessional Staff

We thank all the CAWH Sessional Staff who run a fantastic range of fun and valuable activities to a high standard for the community, and always give 110%: Alan Johnson (Woodwork), Alys Ettenfield (Spencer Stage School), Amber Harbi (Children's Workshops), Andrea Morreau (Life Drawing & Art), Barbara Beyer (Art & Children's Activities), Delia Ciuaru (Cleaning Cover), Diane West (Pamper Day), Elif Çevikel (Children's Drama), Frances Gibson (Children's Workshops), Ioan Oosthuizen (Children's Drama), Izzie Meyhew-Smith (Children's Drama), Janine Weinstein (Children's Art), Marc Brown (Pamper Day), Maria Sarcina (Dance for Fitness), Michelle Marsh (Children's Workshops), Phyllida Hickish (Children's Workshops), Richard Scurry (Community Lunch), Roshi Rouzbehani (Children's Art), Sabrina Henry (Children's Art), Sasha Bonner (Children's Drama), Shelley Berlinsky (Children's Workshops), Tash Mok (Children's Workshops), Terry O'Sullivan (Leaflet Distribution), Vladanka Memidzan (Children's Workshops). We extend our thanks also to all the independent tutors who run popular and much appreciated classes from the Community Centre.

Volunteers

We would like to thank each and every single volunteer who contributed to the community in the past year. The following people have made a significant contribution: Geoff Berridge (CAWH 101 Club & Book Club), Paul Guest (ESOL), Genevieve Lipietz and Sophie Jackson (French Conversation), Stephanie Brada, Simon & Diane Spero, Dr Brian Turton (Death Cafe), Mar Garcia (Hand Sewing), Dora Martins (marketing) Laurel Campbell, Ginny Ejee, Teresa Lines, Vera and Fraser Kennedy Goossens, Sara Dibb, Peter Coles, Sue Richards, Ian Long, Pauline Cheeseman, Bernadette Godinho, Tom Allan, and the Sunshine Garden volunteers, Gillian Edwards and Celine Castelino as well as trustees who all give their time freely in many different capacities. Our volunteer speakers and guides have been invaluable: Tudor Allen (talks on the Hampstead History), Simon Inglis (Cricket Talk), John Altman (Shooting Stars), Noel Brock (Wild West Hampstead), Ben Aitken (The Marmalade Diary). Also volunteer tutors at the Wellbeing Day: Miranda Hands (Pilates), Daniela Miteva (Seated Exercise), Jane Feinmann (Feldenkrais).

Financial Activities

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR WEST HAMPSTEAD LTD.

Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2026 £	*Unrestricted Funds £*	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total Funds 2025 £*
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	£ 2,137	£ 1,814	£ 3,951	*1,604*	*140*	*1,744*
Charitable activities	3	£ 83,791	£ 68,162	£ 151,953	*70,008*	*70,000*	*140,008*
Interest received	4	£ 2,824	-	£ 2,824	*4,204*	-	*4,204*
Total income		**£ 88,752**	**£ 69,976**	**£ 158,728**	***75,816***	***70,140***	***145,956***
Expenditure on:	5						
Raising funds		£ 7,004	-	£ 7,004	*10,501*		*10,501*
Charitable activities		£ 53,927	£ 74,482	£ 128,409	*74,254*	*67,342*	*141,596*
Other expenditure				-			-
Total expenditure		**£ 60,931**	**£ 74,482**	**£ 135,413**	***84,755***	***67,342***	***152,097***
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	6	£ 27,821	(£ 4,506)	£ 23,315	*(8,939)*	*2,798*	*(6,141)*
Transfer between funds	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		£ 61,956	£ 52,652	£ 114,608	*70,895*	*49,854*	*120,749*
Total funds carried forward		**£ 89,777**	**£ 48,146**	**£ 137,923**	***£ 61,956***	***£ 52,652***	***£ 114,608***

The above is derived from continuing activities . There were no other recognised gains or losses, other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 12 to the financial statements.

The notes on the following pages form part of these financial accounts.

Balance Sheet

THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR WEST HAMPSTEAD LTD.

Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	8	1,349	994
Current assets			
Debtors	9	6,387	3,550
Cash at bank and in hand		133,108	114,797
		139,495	118,347
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	10	2,921	4,733
Net current assets		136,574	113,614
Total assets less current liabilities		**137,923**	**114,608**
Net assets	11	**137,923**	**114,608**
The funds of the charity:	11		
Restricted Funds	12	48,146	52,652
Unrestricted Funds	12		
Designated funds		20,000	10,000
General funds		69,777	51,956
Total charity funds		**137,923**	**114,608**

The charity is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2026. No member of the charity has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with sections 386 and 387 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 11th August 2026

and signed on their behalf by:

Pranay Hariharan, Treasurer

Director and Trustee
Charity Registration No. 1135778
Company Registration No. 06956009

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Thank You for Your Support

We would like to thank the following funders, organisations, groups and individuals for their support and assistance:

Age UK Camden
Apex
Awards for All
British Museum
Camden Council
Fortune Green and West Hampstead Ward Councillors
Camden Eco Awards
Capoeira Senzala Ltd
City Bridge Foundation Trust
Co-op Cricklewood
David's Deli
Death Cafe (Dr Brian Turton)
Emmanuel Church
Emmanuel Primary School
Garfield Weston Foundation
Hampstead Wells and Campden Trust
Jinga Jinga Capoeira Ltd
John Lyons Charity
Kew Gardens
Kilburn Older Voices Exchange
Kim's Pharmacy, NW6
Landsec 02 Centre
London Zoo
Mill Lane Garden Centre
National Lottery Community Fund
Volunteer facilitators for the Away Day (Virginia Berridge & Mark O'Hanlon)
PCSO Matthew O'Reilly
Right at Home Care Agency
Scams Prevention (Ann-Marie Carrol & Oliver Clixby)
Spencer Stage School
Sidings Community Centre
Sington Nursery (Camden Community Nurseries)
The Hampstead Wells and Campden Trust
The Restart Project
Voluntary Action Camden
Walfinch Care Agency
West Hampstead Primary School
West Hampstead School of Dance
Zen-A-Tots

And to our patron Michael Simkins and all the many donors who have supported CAWH generously this year.



