



ONE in FOUR

**One in Four is all it takes,
so be more planet friendly**

**SOMERS TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2024–2025**

Our mission

Somers Town Community Association is a charity dedicated to providing cohesive, inclusive and innovative services.

We strongly support empowering our community to create and spearhead an active and responsive organisation.

This organisation aims to produce a meaningful and positive influence at every level of people's lives.

We value community in all its diversity and work vigorously with others to pursue these values.

Our strategic aims

- Enabling better awareness of and access to health and wellbeing for everyone in the community.
- Reducing inequalities around access to education, training and employment for everyone in the community.
- Building resilience and advocacy: empowering everyone in the community to access knowledge and be better equipped to help themselves.

Our values

STCA's values identify what is most important to the organisation in the way it delivers the vision, mission and strategic aims. STCA aims to be:

- Challenging and committed, working in a way that reflects both professionalism and a caring attitude.
- Empowering and enabling, working in a way that is collaborative and community-led.
- Credible and trustworthy, working in a way that demonstrates transparency, inclusivity and accessibility.



Let's end mental health discrimination



We live in a time when it is easy to be divided – by background, by belief, or by whatever label the world wants to stick on us. STCA is at its best when it moves in the opposite direction: when it brings people together around our love for this community. That's no doubt why STCA has always understood that we are strongest when we stand with others and why we have long been a shared home for organisations and people who care deeply about Somers Town. That love has never wavered, even in the most difficult of times. And difficult times there have been: I have watched STCA face challenge after challenge, and at every turn the same simple idea has carried us through: people come first.

Of course, none of that could happen without the amazing team who make everything we do possible. The board and I have nothing but immense respect and appreciation for every single team member – we see your tireless work, your selflessness, your sacrifices, and your brilliance. The third sector is beyond tough right now, and we wish we didn't have to make the tough decisions we do but know this – you're all so valued. We will work harder to find ways to support you all.

Your ambition and empathy is ever present – in every single decision and we see it. And not just for STCA but also for the Living Centre. We have watched with pride as a vision became reality – a space where health, wellbeing, dignity, growth, and community all come together. That transformation did not happen by chance – it is the result of the dedication of Jodie Allen, her entire team, and so many partners. Thank you for making it all come alive with so much care and compassion.

This year also marks 20 years of leadership from Sarah Elie. When people ask what makes STCA what it is, it is impossible to answer honestly without recognising Sarah's role in it all. From where I sit as Chair, I see not just her visible achievements but the consistency behind them: her insistence that community is not a line in a mission statement but the heart of every programme, every partnership, and every team member. The resilience shown in difficult moments, the willingness to listen, and the belief that the people of Somers Town deserve the very best we can offer – we're all so lucky to have Sarah guiding us. The story of STCA over those two decades is, in many ways, the story of Sarah – but it is also the story of the people who walked with her. So, thank you Sarah and thanks to every single person who has been on the journey alongside you.

I want to finish by saying – if the last twenty years have taught us anything, it is this: when a community decides to stand up for itself, when people choose service over cynicism, extraordinary things quietly become possible. May we continue to be a place where the doors are open, the welcome is real, and our shared humanity matters more than what divides us. On behalf of the trustees, I want to thank our staff, volunteers, funders, partners and, above all, the community of Somers Town who allow us to serve. It has been, and continues to be, an honour to work alongside one of the most thoughtful and caring teams any organisation could hope for.

Darshan Sanghrajka – Chair

When I sat down to write this two things went through my head. The first being where did the year go, which seems to be the normal thought nowadays as the years do seem to be flying past at an alarming rate. The second was that I did not want to write yet another report that speaks of looking back on yet another year of world turmoil and hate.

I wanted to write a piece that spoke to the power of STCA and the people that work, volunteer, use/access the centre, its spaces and programmes of activities and services. I wanted to tell you about the difference made by STCA and organisations like STCA across the UK and indeed globally and why these organisations are so important, wonderful and must be cherished and supported. And so...

I started at STCA on the 5th of August 2005, after being interviewed by two ladies that would go on to be both colleagues and friends. The first of these the amazing Frances Holloway, who worked for me for 11 years as my number two, although I often felt she was more number one than I, and the second the incredible Slaney Devlin. A resident of Somers Town and Chair of the STCA board at the time and who continues to this day to work tirelessly for the community of Somers Town, and is someone I admire and respect greatly.

During the early years I had the pleasure of having the wonderful Rafeeq Ahmed, Maggie Michele and Barbara Hughes as STCA board members. Who taught a very inexperienced me a lot about community and how to ensure that it was embedded into every element of who and what STCA stands for, and it is testament to them and all the other wonderful board members over the years that STCA continues to place the community at the heart of all we do.

As a space at the heart of that community STCA has always welcomed other organisations into the centre. Sharing both office space, delivery space and resources, which has meant that I have got to work with some truly brilliant people including Micheal King from Families in Focus and a local Somers Town Resident and Richard Harrison who worked for Regent High before moving on to UCL. Both Micheal and Richard are sadly no longer with us and the world is a little less bright as a result, as they were both men of immense character, with honesty and integrity etched into every fibre of their being and I thank them for being a colleague and a friend.

I have had the most amazing and wonderful staff share the last 20 years all of whom have been brilliant in their own way, but a few deserve an extra special mention.

Bob Austin, who has been Caretaker at STCA for over 16 years, seeing us through burst pipes, flooding toilets and a pandemic. Working throughout the pandemic, when most of the staff had been furloughed, so that we could keep the building open for the emergency food bank. Mark Bolton who walked into the Living Centre, offering to volunteer and has remained with us ever since, as our Living Centre Caretaker and going on to be appointed by staff consensus as our Wellbeing Champion. Both are true gentlemen and they deserve a huge thank you as they really have gone above and beyond and I personally can't thank them enough.

I also want to make a special mention to Rosemary Nicholson from Visually Impaired Camden, who has been there quietly in the background always willing to lend a hand. She has been an honorary member of the STCA team and we simply can't thank her enough for being there and being such an advocate for STCA.

I wanted to also mention Jodie Allen who has been my deputy for 7 years now and helped to turn the vision of the Living Centre into reality, working tirelessly to ensure financial targets are achieved with her trusty right hand men Monjur Rahman our Building Services lead and Ziaur Rahman our Job Hub Manager, so thank you to you and your trusty colleagues.

And last but by no means least I want to thank someone who is truly a Super Being, who as Chair of STCA has steered us through many a choppy sea, and made STCA what it is today largely as a result of his passion, dedication, willingness to listen and just being a Super Being so thank you Darshan.

So here's to 2026. May we as individuals find peace and the world as a whole focus on our shared humanity rather than what makes us wonderfully different.

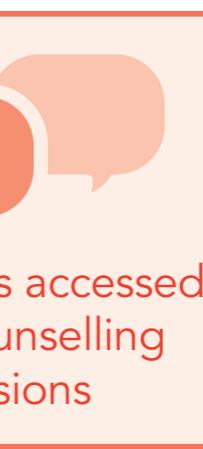
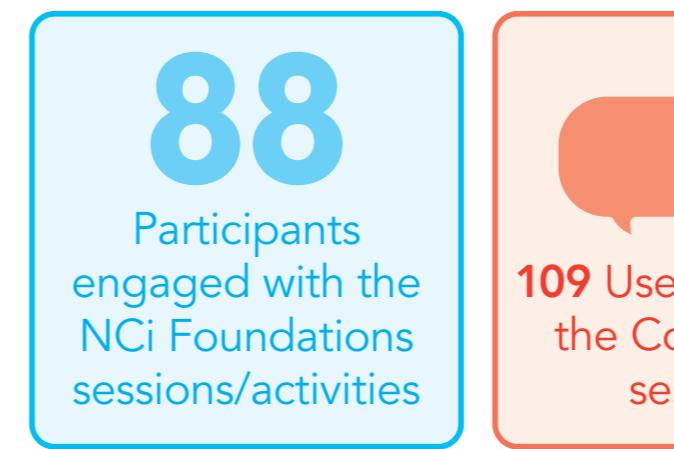
Mrs S Elie MBE – Executive Director



Our year in numbers at both our Centres



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To celebrate the wonderful strong local women who make a difference every day in Somers Town and beyond we have asked 5 amazing women to talk about their work and how STCA has supported/enabled/helped them as they have navigated their own paths.

#AccelerateAction International Women's Day



Ema Howling Creative Practitioner, Climate Action Lead and Community Collaborator

My journey with Somers Town Community Association (STCA) has been one of transformation, growth, and deep community connection.

I first came through the doors as part of the Community Action Fund (CAF) – a local resident with a passion for creativity, sustainability, and social impact. Since then, I've worked across multiple strands of STCA's projects – from Future Neighbourhoods 2030 (FN2030) to climate action programmes, community upcycling workshops, and creative youth sessions. Through these projects, I've focused on using textiles as a tool for connection, healing, and empowerment, teaching sewing, upcycling, and repair skills that help people reduce waste while building confidence and community. My workshops – such as Sew Social and Re-Craft – bring together residents of all ages to share skills, stories, and laughter while quietly tackling issues such as isolation, fast fashion, and the need for creative self-expression.

As a freelancer, I've continued to collaborate closely with STCA – delivering workshops, mentoring young people, and developing new creative initiatives that link sustainability, wellbeing, and community. My practice is grounded in the belief that art and making can mend more than fabric – they can repair people and communities, too.

Beyond STCA, I run a long-standing single parents' support group, now in its 11th year, offering regular meet-ups, wellbeing activities, and family events.

Through STCA's support and encouragement, my work continues to grow – both artistically and socially – reaching wider audiences while staying rooted here in Somers Town.

STCA has been more than just a community centre to me; it's been a place of possibility – a safe, supportive environment where ideas take shape, people connect, and women's voices are celebrated and amplified.





Aaliyah Founder of Spicy Laass

From humble beginnings to a thriving family-run climate café blending Pakistan, West Indian, and British flavours – rooted in community, sustainability, and love.

A chance that changed everything

"One opportunity can spark a lifetime of change – for me, for my family, and for my community."



My journey with Somers Town Community Association (STCA) and The Living Centre began long before I realised how deeply they would shape my path. I worked in Somers Town's education system, my children attended local schools, and my eldest son took boxing classes at STCA when he was five. I volunteered for years – from being a volunteer family liaison officer at Little Village to joining a women's community group running sustainable art sessions for families.

For over 14 years, I poured my heart into Somers Town – as a parent, volunteer, mentor, and friend. I helped create spaces of belonging and opportunity, especially for women and children. But as my kids grew older, I reached a crossroad. Despite all my volunteering, I wanted my own career growth – to feel valued, seen, and supported.

That's when I met Sarah and Jodie, who gave me something powerful – a chance. She and Jodie believed in me, and that faith changed everything. I was employed as a Climate Action Project Lead through the Climate Action Fund (CAF) and Future Neighbourhood 2030 (FN2030).

The role transformed me. I received training, encouragement, and trust that helped me grow personally and professionally. It also reconnected me to my passion for healthy food, nature, holistic wellbeing, and sustainability.

"The café belongs to the community – where stories brew, hearts heal, and changemakers are born."

In my new role at STCA, I was given the space to strengthen community partnerships, collaborate, and create and lead community projects like Cook It Yourself, Swap Recipes, Share Memories, Do It Yourself, and Grow it Yourself. In these sessions, we used food, culture, and creativity to reconnect people after isolation to reduce loneliness, celebrate community stories, and revive traditional sustainable practices across generations and cultures. Over three years, I witnessed incredible transformations.

Women began creating their own natural products, selling them, and rebuilding confidence. People found belonging, comfort, and purpose through our shared commitment to sustainability and community care.



After my role ended, I was supported by STCA to continue as a freelancer and to start my own venture – Spicy Laass, a family-run climate café blending Pakistani, West Indian, and British flavours. We serve home-cooked, sustainable meals and operate a zero-waste system using Bokashi composting – giving back to the community garden that grows our herbs and produce. Not only are we closing the sustainability loop, we are also proudly rated 5 stars in hygiene.

"Empowered women empower communities – together we create, nurture, and grow."

Spicy Laass is more than a café – it's a space of love, unity, and home. A place where stories are shared, food connects us, and change begins.

STCA and The Living Centre believed in me when I needed it most. Their support helped me find my voice, build resilience, and empower others – creating a circle of community, care, and hope for a sustainable future.

Salina Khatun CEO of Kindle Corner



For me, Kindle Corner is about creating a space where education and storytelling come together to inspire curiosity, creativity, and confidence in learners of all ages. I'm deeply inspired by the idea of improving education for everyone in the community setting – making learning more inclusive, engaging, and empowering.

What drives me is seeing people light up when they connect with a story or discover something new about themselves through learning. That's what I want to achieve with Kindle Corner: to spark that sense of wonder and make education something that truly reaches and uplifts everyone.

I embrace that I am a magnet of inspiration and many can learn from me, as a teacher, founder and CEO of Kindle Corner's and a mother to three beautiful young children. But, I believe I am still a student learning and discovering new ideas and ways to both improve myself and the life of others.





Rasheeda Graham CEO and Founder of Urban Community Projects and Mobile Food Hub Camden

Championing Change, Community, and the Strength of Women



My journey with STCA and The Living Centre began long before the pandemic at a time when I was searching for not just a place to work from, but a place to belong. What I found was far more than a building. I found a community that believed in women's strength, ideas, and ability to lead change.

As a Black woman leading a charity rooted in community, I've faced my share of challenges. Navigating limited resources, breaking through systemic barriers, and holding space for others while finding the courage to hold it for myself. Through it all, STCA has been a constant ally, a space that has nurtured both me and Urban Community Projects to grow, adapt, and thrive.

Over the past year, we've continued to expand our Mobile Food Hub, tackling food insecurity while creating opportunities for connection, volunteering, and leadership. We've supported thousands of families with nutritious food and wraparound support, worked with young people to challenge knife and gang crime, and empowered parents and older residents to step into new roles and rediscover their confidence.

Behind every one of these achievements are women – volunteers, mothers, grandmothers, and community leaders who give their time, energy, and compassion to others every single day. They remind me why I do this work: to build communities where women are safe, valued, and heard.

Partnerships like the one we have with STCA and The Living Centre matter deeply because they create spaces where women can lead with authenticity and strength. They allow us to nurture possibility, amplify voices, and build a future where equality isn't just a hope, it's a lived reality.

As we look ahead, Urban Community Projects will continue to push boundaries. My personal ambition is driving our vision of food justice, equity, and community power forward, using technology and innovation to disrupt the existing model. At the heart of it all will remain the same driving force: amazing, wonderful, strong women!



Ngozi Enem CEO and Founder of NCiFoundations



NCiFoundations Charity



A Year of Growth, Empowerment, and Shared Learning for NCiFoundations

The Somers Town Community Association (the STCA) has continued to be a vital partner and host for NCiFoundations where we are a grassroots organisation dedicated to tackling inequality and empowering local communities. We are a registered charity (RCN1151520) and through a series of impactful sessions delivered at the STCA centre, we have supported 95 women re-entering the workforce, after a long service of motherhood to look after young children. We have been able to help these mums shape their career pathways and fostered a sense of belonging and purpose among participants.

These sessions have become a trusted space for transformation. Women facing barriers to employment have gained confidence and practical tools through tailored support in CV writing, interview preparation, and digital skills. Excellent workshops that have helped them take tangible steps toward employment, education, or entrepreneurship.

The sessions are not just about skills – they are about hope, connection, and empowerment. The STCA's support and team has been instrumental in making this possible. Beyond providing space, the STCA team has actively collaborated with NCiFoundations to co-design programmes that reflect the real needs of the Somers Town community. From outreach and coordination to strategic guidance and community engagement, the STCA has helped NCiFoundations grow in both outreach, recognition, and impact.

Importantly, this partnership has been a two-way channel. Over the years, we at NCiFoundations have learned so much from the STCA – about community leadership, inclusive practice, and the power of local knowledge. The STCA's deep-rooted connection has shaped how we work, how we listen, and how we lead. Their example has helped us become more responsive, more grounded, and more effective in our mission. Together, we have built a model of partnership that is rooted in trust, shared values, and a collective vision for change. The success of this collaboration is a testament to what can be achieved when organisations come together with humility, purpose, and a genuine commitment to community-led development. As NCiFoundations continues to grow, we remain deeply grateful for the support, wisdom, and solidarity of the STCA. We look forward to building on this foundation in the years ahead creating even more opportunities for local people to thrive.

A Personal Reflection from Ngozi, Founder of NCiFoundations

On a personal note, I can say for myself – Ngozi – that knowing the STCA has had a profound impact on my passion and dreams to support charity work and serve our community. There was a time when I found myself at a crossroads, questioning the direction of my career in finance while holding tightly to the vision of establishing NCiFoundations for years, I searched for a home for our work – somewhere that would understand the heart behind our mission. Then, on a glorious day in 2023, I met Jodie Allen, manager at the STCA. She not only listened but truly understood my passion for community work. She welcomed us with open arms and gave us the support we needed to take root. Since then, it has been a truly glorious journey. We have not only built a strong working relationship but also a meaningful personal connection. The STCA has become more than a partner – it has become part of our story, our growth, and our purpose.

Finally, we say a big thank you to the entire STCA team and the community!



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Earth Day 2024



Planet vs. Plastics

For Earth Day 2024 on April 22nd, EARTHDAY.ORG is unwavering in its commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040.

Somers Town Community Association

The St Pancras & Somers Town Living Centre

Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods 2030

Job Hub
Gooba Shaqo
Raadinta

APRIL 2024



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FN2030 partners in the Green Zone at the amazing Somers Town Festival



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AUG 2024

Support your Local Community Centre Café, open Tuesday 10am to 3pm and Thursday 8am to 4pm



'Reclaiming the Narrative' – October 2024

An Invitation to All

Reclaiming Narratives is more than just a theme – it's an invitation. An invitation to every member of the Black community to take part in shaping how our stories are told. It's about ensuring that our voices are heard, our experiences acknowledged, and our contributions celebrated. This theme encourages us to shine a spotlight on the untold stories, the unsung heroes, and the everyday individuals who have made an indelible impact on our communities.

This is your chance to be part of something bigger. Whether you're an artist, educator, student, activist, or simply someone with a story to tell, Reclaiming Narratives is your opportunity to contribute to a collective effort to reshape how Black history is perceived and taught. By participating, you can help ensure that future generations grow up with a richer, more accurate understanding of Black history.

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk



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As the nights draw in our energy levels will dip, but the demands placed upon us probably won't.

Here's four ways to help you avoid mental and physical burnout in 2025.

- 1 Tick off the basics**
Getting enough sleep, eating well and exercising are the cornerstones of good mental and physical health. Other activities, such as journaling, reading and yoga and a nice walk have been shown to lower cortisol levels. Improving mind, body and soul.
- 2 Introduce 'healthy stress' to your life**
"The sabre-tooth tiger is not outside the cave any more," but modern stresses elicit the same 'fight or flight' response in us as the tiger. Learning to manage small stresses such as stepping into a freezing cold water shower helps us to contextualise the threat... and build tolerance. Breathing also helps. Try it – stop, close your eyes, (obviously you need to be in a safe space!!!) and just slowly breath in and out, you will feel much better.
- 3 Set boundaries – and stick to them**
As the poet Robert Frost wrote: "Good fences make good neighbours." It's also important to set boundaries with yourself. "When we define what we need to feel secure and healthy... and protect those parts of ourselves, we can do wonders for our wellbeing".
- 4 Shape your definition of success**
Success is a slippery concept. For some, it's about having meaningful relationships and fulfilling experiences, for others it's tied to career wins and financial gains. Defining what success means to you is a first step towards establishing priorities in life, enabling a focus of energy on the things that matter to you. Challenge your definition, too. Is success really a fancy new car, or actually working less?

Somers Town Community Association
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

The St Pancras & Somers Town Living Centre

Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods 2030

Somers Town Job Hub

Supported by MAYOR OF LONDON

Support your Local Community Centre Café, open Thursdays 9am to 2.30pm



Management Committee members

The following were members of the Management Committee during the year.

Chair Darshan Sanghrajka

Salima Abdallah
Rak Islam

James Jennings
Rachel Johnson
Nabil Khabirpour
Sam Oates

Organisations that share our space

Somers Town Job Hub
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rosemary@somerstown.org.uk

Urban Community Projects
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info@urbancommunityprojects.org.uk

Healthwatch Camden
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stephen.heard@healthwatchcamden.co.uk

Somers Town Big Local
Tyler Inberg engagement@stbl.org.uk

Somers Town Legal Advice Corner
coordinators@thelawcorner.org.uk

Staff team

Executive Director Sarah Elie MBE

Deputy Director Jodie Allen

Caretakers Bob Austin, Colin Austin

Youth Workers Burhan Uddin, Keliegh Markell Smith

Employment and Training Advisors
Faisal Ali, Lisa Harvey, Jusna Begum

Projects Assistant Fatiyah Yousef

Job Hub Manager Ziaur Rahman

Communication and Marketing Lead
Lianne De Vera

Living Centre staff

Signposting and Referral Coordinator
Peter Simonson

Receptionists Siobhan Bradshaw, Kim Pedro, Mark Bolton

Female Health Worker
Sonia Berachi

Building Services Lead Monjur Rahman

Volunteer Coordinator Kylie Rahman

Caretakers Toby Rose, Elena Matsak
Colin Austin

Centre Cleaners Linda Markell, Adam Zonzolo

Climate Action Fund

Project Workers Aaliyah Rivers, Ema Howling

Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods 2030

Climate Ambassadors
Siobhan Bradshaw, Jusna Begum

Climate Action Project Workers
Aaliyah Rivers, Ema Howling

Volunteers

Kindle Corner

Dilbahar Bibi
Shaik Ruhina Akter Shila

Jahanara Begum

Shelina Begum

Tosin Mosuro

Zulfikar Alik

Dorine Kabangu

Happy Begum

Effath Jahan Ferdhous

Rahela Begum

Living Centre

Reception

Mia Markell

Antonia Gamboa

Esmeralda Perrucha Santos

Jenai

Lin Fox

Finance

Arvin Rayhani

Tyreece Akinola

Youth Department

Romina Harris (O'Hanlon)

Feast With Us Donations

Matiya

Digital Champions

Fabain Talukdar

Harrith Aslam

Mutaseem

Grow it Yourself

Shanta Row

Basil Cao

Antonia Gamboa

Rosa Nwaneri

Rukshana Begum

Florence Reid

Furiem Carcher

Paul Jenkins

Alex

Training Link

Raihan Chowdhury

John Carvell

Doorstep Library

John Carvell

Citizens Advice Bureau, Camden

Saron Yilmser

Francis Crick Institute (Research Ethics Committee)

Yayah

Enabling better awareness of and access to health and wellbeing for everyone in the community

- To continue to work closely with the Living Centre partners, our health partners and wider networks to develop and run an open and accessible programme of physical health activities/services at the Living Centre and STCA
- To fundraise to be able to continue to deliver our Cook it Yourself sessions, linking in health and wellbeing, healthy mind/body and planet recipe advice and food waste reduction tips, beyond the conclusion of the FN2030 programme funding in September 2025
- To use core reserves to fund a Women's Health, Safety and Advocacy Lead
- To fundraise to be able to continue to deliver our Grow it Yourself sessions and link in with the Cook it Yourself sessions and the Climate Community Learning Hub, beyond the conclusion of the FN2030 programme funding in September 2025
- To work more closely with older persons delivery partners inclusive of Living Centre partners, Age UK Camden, Origin Housing and Healthwatch Camden. To increase awareness and access to health and wellbeing services delivered in the locality for this priority group
- To continue to work with Children Centre Services to support the development of the Family Hub network in the locality
- To undertake review of bi-monthly newsletters, to maximize reach, whilst looking to reduce paper usage, print costs and carbon footprint of our communication materials. This will include looking at alternatives to paper and print
- To look to establish an annual Health & Wellbeing partners events across STCA and the Living Centre during February/March to showcase our work/resources and identify future collaborative potential
- To look to run a Prostate Cancer event during Movember with Prostate Cancer UK at the Living Centre
- To look to run Living Room style Mental Health sessions in partnership with experts in the field of mental wellbeing across both STCA and the Living Centre
- To establish STCA and the Living Centre as Warm Spaces and Cool Spaces on the GLA map of provision across London, and work with the GLA team leading on these spaces to look at the issue of water stress going forward and what this will mean to identified spaces on this map, who are not presently part of the emergency water provision planning, with neither STCA or the Living Centre presently listed as part of emergency plans

Reducing inequalities around access to education, training and employment for everyone in the community

- To continue to grow and develop the Somers Town Job Hub, in partnership with Good Work Camden and partners, with new areas of interest remaining those economically inactive, green jobs, START UP Somers Town and delivery of joint training with Camden Council
- To look to develop a local Employment Charter to share with local employers. Rolled forward to 2026
- To maintain and build on Disability Confident Employer status
- To continue to review our Recruitment and Selection policy and procedures to ensure that we are fair, open and accessible to all. This will be linked to the review of what sort of employer STCA is and wants to be, see below
- To work with Camden Council and Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum, as lead partners to ensure the delivery of the final phase of phase 3 of FN2030, inclusive of the project evaluation piece with Bio-Regional and the next stage inclusive of green job creation
- To develop and run a Link Up Careers event in partnership with UAL students for UAL students and local businesses/stakeholders/organisations
- To undertake a review of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy. Rolled over from 2024-2025
- To undertake a review of what sort of Employer is STCA and wants to be for its employees. Looking at everything from salaries, terms and conditions, flexible working, pensions, EAP, relevant policies, to 4-day weeks and condensed hours
- To act as host for the Somers Town Compact Manager post on behalf of the British Library developers

Building resilience and advocacy: empowering everyone in the community to access knowledge and be better equipped to help themselves

- To continue to work with the British Library developers and Global Generation on the What Next for the Story Garden and Make beyond 2025, inclusive of discussions around meanwhile space use after the site moves into development phase of the new British Library
- To act as an exemplar model for the community and beyond as a model for other centres/VCS organisations on the climate behavioural change narrative. Through the development of the Climate Community Learning Hub at STCA, our physical centres, wider programmes and activities and ensuring our staff are upskilled to meet the challenges ahead
- To continue to work towards becoming a Carbon Literate organisation Bronze, Silver and then Gold 2025-2026 and 2026-2027
- To continue to lead on the Business, Employment Education and Training sub-group of the Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum, as part of achieving designated status of the local plan for phase 3 of the Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods 2030 programme
- To continue to build a closer working relationship with STLAC (Somers Town Legal Advice Corner)
- To establish Consulting STCA, to launch in April 2025, which will work with small/medium groups to upskill and support. This was rolled forward to 2026-2027
- To use reserves to fund the Built Environment Lead post at STCA to support the work of the Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum in achieving designated Neighbourhood status, whilst also fundraising for the refurbishment of 150 Ossulston Street and widening understanding of the built environment and the role it plays
- To run our annual COP event to coincide with the COP30 in Brazil 10th to 21st November

Partnership work



Somers Town Community Association is extremely proud of its partnership work within the community and below are those organisations and groups we would very much like to thank for their shared vision of our aims and objectives.

Age UK (Camden)	Good Gym	Safer Neighbourhood Team
Asian Salon	Google	Sankofa
BBC Children in Need	Grace and Green	Shade the UK
BlindAid	Hampden Children's Centre	Single Homeless Project
British Library	Healthwatch Camden	Showerbox
Brondesbury Medical Centre	Hope + Unity	Small Green Shoots
Brooks Euston	Hopscotch Asian Women's Centre	Solace Women's Aid
C4WS Homeless Project	iCope	Somers Gallery
CAB Camden	Islington Climate Centre	Somers Town Big Local
Camden Community Centres	KCBNA	Somers Town Medical Centre
Network: C4	Kentish Town Community Centre	Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum
Camden Council Ward Councillors	Kindle Corner	Street Storage
Camden's Equalities Task Force	Knowledge Quarter	St Mary's & St Pancras Church of England Primary School
Camden Giving	KX Recruit	St Pancras Community Centre
Camden Health Evolution	LGBT Forum	Sure Start Children's Centres
Camden Health Team	Little Village	Surma Community Centre
Camden Safer Neighbourhood Board	Local Globe	The Bartlett School of Architecture – UCL
Camden Volunteer Bureau	Locality	The Bike Project
Castlehaven Community Centre	London College of Communications	The Princes Trust
Central Saint Martins	London Doughnut Economics	Think & Do
University of the Arts London	London School of Economics	Training Link
Change Grow Live	London Youth	UCL
City Lit College	Maria Fidelis School	UCLH Health Bus
Civitas Schools	Melting Metropolis	Unity Hub
Community Kitchen	Metropolitan Police	Urban Community Projects and Mobile Food Hub
Community Midwives	NCiFoundations	Urban Curiosity
Door Step Library	NCVO	Visually Impaired Camden
Edith Neville Primary School	New Horizons Youth Centre	Voluntary Action Camden
Elfida Rathbone Camden	NHS Camden	Walker House TRA
Endometriosis UK	Old Diorama Arts Centre	Waterwise
Euston Foodbank	Origin Housing	Wellcome Collection
Families for Life	Ossulston Street TRA	Westminster & Kingsway College
Families in Focus	Peoples Museum Somers Town	Whittington Hospital Pulmonary Rehabilitation Team
Family Lives	Phoenix Court Works	Women at the Well
Feast with Us	Plot 10	Women Like Us
Fitzrovia Youth	Queens Crescent Community Centre	Working Men's College
Fooditude	Reach Out Camden Wellbeing Alliance	
Francis Crick Institute	Regent High School	
Future Dreams	Rise Mutual	
Global Generation	Royal Parks	

Funding bodies

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London Borough of Camden
Mayor of London Future Neighbourhoods 2030
Phoenix Court Works



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Financial summary



Balance sheet as at 31st March 2025

Company number 1903408	Note	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	44,490	77,872
Cash at bank and in hand		790,858	758,535
		835,348	836,407
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(58,708)	(39,430)
NET ASSETS			
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	13	219,468	217,637
Unrestricted funds	13	Designated Youth Funds Somers Town General Funds Community Café General Fund Living Centre General Fund	– 300,297 22,601 234,274 557,172
			302,886 22,601 253,853 579,340
TOTAL FUNDS			
		776,640	796,977

Statement of financial activities

Income from:	Note	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
(Incorporating the income & expenditure account) for the year ended 31st March 2025.					
Grants and donations	3.1	113,015	–	113,015	112,613
Charitable activities	3.2	141,015	682,174	823,189	874,650
Investment income		20,124	–	20,124	16,157
Total Income		274,154	682,174	956,328	1,003,420
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		–	–	–	3,938
Charitable activities		13,233	718,821	732,054	670,991
Operation of centre		244,611	–	244,611	180,878
Total Expenditure	5	257,844	718,821	976,665	855,807
Transfer between funds	13	(38,478)	38,478	–	–
Net movement of funds		(22,168)	1,831	(20,337)	147,613
Reconciliation of funds					
Funds at 1 April 2024		579,340	217,637	796,977	649,364
Funds at 31 March 2025		557,172	219,468	776,640	796,977

Ways to support our work

Help us as we help the community

Your support is so vital to maintaining the delivery of essential services and significant events and activities. Whether you're into marathons or hosting events or rallying your teammates into organising a workplace fundraiser, or simply want to donate items or funds directly, there are many ways you can help us continue the life-giving work we do for the community. Any amount will go a long way and is highly valued.

Visit <https://www.somerstown.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-support/> to find out more.

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