



ABOUT US

Long Whatton Community Association (LWCA) is a registered charity run by villagers for the village. The management committee usually meet every month except for 4 meetings each year when all of council attend (made up of the management committee and affiliated group representatives or individually affiliated persons) to discuss any issues raised about the running of LWCA, venue maintenance issues and to plan events for the community. Although every resident in the village is automatically a member of LWCA, only those who are 'affiliated' to the council have the right to vote when decisions need to be made at council meetings. The management committee is empowered to make decisions on matters where the cost to LWCA will not exceed £250. Any matters involving costs above this amount must be taken to a council meeting for approval.

The constitution set out below was adopted on 14 January 1992 and a number of amendments have been made since, most recently on 10 January 2023.

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants within the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the 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 other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

The LWCA has been based at the Community Centre which is attached to the village school. Although originally the building of the centre was a jointly funded venture between the villagers and Leicestershire County Council (LCC), it was managed by LCC and over recent years directly by the school. Maintenance of the building including lighting and heating costs and the security of the centre is the responsibility of the school. As such, the school charge for the use of the centre to cover the unlocking and locking of the building, cleaning and the utility costs. This cost has increased over the last few years making it more difficult for social events to be cost effective. Additionally access to our facility has become more challenging, with the school raising safeguarding concerns and requiring use of the facilities for the increasing numbers of children. This has led to a ban on day time use during term time. LWCA therefore welcomed the opportunity to take on a separate venue which provides us with opportunities for greater use. The lease for the Friendship Centre is for a period of 5 years with a 2 year break clause.

LWCA will continue to use the Community Centre for larger events and it is available for others to hire. The Lettings Policy is managed by the school. Please contact office@longwhattonschool.org

The LWCA management committee has a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and currently has 6 additional members. We always welcome new members and fresh ideas. Contact lwca79@gmail.com



Events held have included Bingo Fish & Chips, Live & Local theatre and music productions, Scarecrow Festival & Open Gardens, Litter Picks and Cheese tasting.

Management meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and are for committee members only with the exception of January, March, June and October when Council meetings are held. The AGM takes place at the March meeting. Council meetings are open to the public.