

LINTON CATHODEON COMMUNITY TRUST: ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Linton Cathodeon Community Trust manages the Linton Cathodeon Centre for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Linton. Linton Parish Council owns the freehold of the Centre. Parts of the building are leased to Cambridgeshire County Council on long leases for use as a public library and a Child and Family Centre.

During 2024, the wooden posts retaining the earth bank alongside the eastern side of the car park and cycle store had shown significant signs of rot; some small sections had collapsed. The Parish Council took the major step of replacing the posts with a substantial brick retaining wall. Unfortunately, a driver exiting the car park hit the section adjacent to the entrance gates, causing significant damage. The wall was repaired but following the repair has been hit twice more, causing further damage to the same section. Part of the car park suffered tree root damage, caused by regrowth of a felled poplar. The Parish Council arranged for the poplar to be felled, the stump killed and the tarmac repaired.

Otherwise, no major work was carried out to the interior of the building or the grounds. The exterior woodwork and the interior of the community rooms were redecorated. The annual inspection confirmed that the play equipment, including the rubberised play surface, was in generally good condition. However, the tarmac play area is suffering from the ingress of tree roots, apparently from walnut trees on the adjoining public open space; the Parish Council has been advised.

The Trustees had been concerned for several years that successive contractors engaged by the Parish Council to maintain the grounds had not completely fulfilled their contractual obligations. However, the work has been carried out to a much better standard in 2025. In particular, despite the difficult weather, the play area is in much better condition, although the grass requires some further attention.

The public library remains busy for a community library in a village of this size and the Trustees have been impressed by the imaginative ways in which the library staff have continued to develop a range of activities for both adult and young readers. The Child and Family Centre is managed from the main centre in Sawston. The Child and Family area is also used by the local midwifery service.

The Trustees intended to undertake a complete refurbishment of the community rooms servery in 2025. However, the Trust encountered difficulty in that contractors who had expressed interest in the work and had received forms of tender did not submit a quotation. It is hoped to carry out the work in 2026.

Following discussions with the Parish Council about the future direction of the Trust, it has been agreed that the Parish Council will grant the Trust a lease of the community rooms and that the Trust and the Parish Council will enter into a management agreement reaffirming the Trust's role in the community.

The self-employed cleaner has continued to keep the interior of the building in good order and Sue Mudge has continued as Honorary Secretary to the Trust. In reality, Sue has acted as both Secretary and site supervisor. The Trustees were sad to receive notice from Sue that she would be standing down because of family responsibilities at the end of the year and are grateful for everything she has done as Secretary over the last 15 years. The Trustees are currently looking to employ both a Trust Secretary and site supervisor. The finances of the Trust remain satisfactory, as seen from the annual accounts.

Andrew Gore
Chair, on behalf of the Trustees, December 2025

The Linton Cathodeon Community Trust
The Cathodeon Centre, Horseheath Road, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4LU
Trustees: Lee Gardner; Andrew Gore; Anna McMahon; Anya Sparks; Val Urwin
Hon Secretary: Sue Mudge (tel 07765 369266)
Registered Charity No. 1077456

Linton Cathodeon Community Trust

Receipts and payments for year to 31st March 2025

RECEIPTS		2023/24	2024/25
Grants and donations		£ -	£ -
Trading Activities			
Hire charges for use of building:			
	Chestnut Playgroup	£ 6,530.99	£ 11,361.25
	Regular groups - Chess	£ 1,057.44	£ 1,800.00
	Other	£ 388.50	£ 277.50
	Total	£ 7,976.93	£ 13,438.75
Recharges - Library		£ 8,619.36	£ 7,644.53
	Child & Family Centre	£ 7,693.02	£ 8,610.46
	Total	£ 16,312.38	£ 16,254.99
Bank Interest		£ 204.02	£ 254.49
Total receipts		£ 24,493.33	£ 29,948.23
Payments			
	Electricity	£ 5,226.74	£ 5,009.76
	Gas	£ 3,439.71	£ 2,629.76
	Water	£ 789.21	£ 617.83
	Refuse collection	£ 811.20	£ 847.60
	Cleaning Fees	£ 7,005.00	£ 7,200.00
	Cleaning materials	£ 1,223.62	£ 2,065.70
	Boiler maintenance	£ 1,697.09	£ 476.50
	Maintenance and repairs - general	£ 4,770.70	£ 4,520.81
	Maintenance, one-off items	£ -	£ 3,964.00
	Capital items	£ -	£ 273.72
Other Expenditure			
	Secretary honorarium	£ 1,600.00	£ 1,600.00
	Phone, post & stationery	£ 24.25	£ 31.99
	Membership, Cambridgeshire ACRE	£ 60.00	£ 65.00
	Insurance (Trustees)	£ 332.49	£ 332.49
Total Expenditure		£ 26,980.01	£ 29,635.16
Excess of income over expenditure		-£ 2,486.68	£ 313.07
Bank balance at 31st March 2024		£ 38,669.09	
Bank balance at 31st March 2025		£ 38,982.16	
Bank reconciliation:			
	Deposit	£ 17,404.87	
	Current	£ 21,577.29	

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st March 2025

MONETARY ASSETS	2023/24	2024/25
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LIABILITIES

Now due for payment: Hiring deposits: Nil

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Land and buildings used by the Charity: The Cathodeon Centre, High Street, Linton.
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Insurance value April 2025: £ 2,962,920

Other assets held for use by the Charity:

Community rooms furniture and equipment: Tables, chairs, kitchen equipment,
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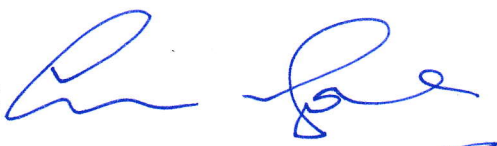
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1) These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis, and comply with the appropriate legal requirements.

2) There were no payments made to Trustees during the year.


Signed:


Chairman

Date:

8 July 2025

Signed:


Independent Examiner

Date:

6/11/25

HILARY ANGATTER
M I C B

Notes to accompany the financial statement 2024/25

1. Receipts

The amount received from Chestnut playgroup and Chess Club reflects the increase in hire fees over a whole year. The increase took effect from September 2023.

2. Recharges

Invoices are sent to the Library Service and Child & Family Service six months in arrears. Thus the sum received in May each year relates to the second six months of the previous financial year. Hence the recharge income never precisely matches the expenditure in the same year.

3. Payments

Gas – only 3 bills in 24/25 as large credit built up and applied in June 24.

4. Water – only one Pennon Water / Source for Business bill during the year. Last payment in 23/24 was in March 24. Direct Debit dates changed to 1st Oct and 1st April

5. Boiler maintenance shown separately. Costly ATAG repair in 23/24

6. Maintenance and repairs includes payments for the following:

Window cleaning, alarm systems, PHS services, ProClean (Community carpets, library dividing screen, play surface), canopies, plumbing and electrical (some replacement lights, EICR in 23/24), play area inspection and repair, blocked gutters, blocked drains.

7. Maintenance one-off items in 24/25 includes LED lights in community toilets, replacement fans in toilets linked to lights with motion sensors, Dyson Hoover, signs at roadside and on building, community room decorating. Items in 23/24 such as EICR fixed wiring test, maintenance of multi-play unit, replacing water heater (community) could have been shown in this category and totalled £1,519.

8. Capital items – 2 folding Gopak tables, requested by Chess Club.

9. The Community share of expenditure in 2024/25 was £13,546.80, Library was £7,765.48, Child and Family Centre was £8,322.88.

Sue Mudge
7th July 2025

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