



# Madley Environmental Study Centre (MESC)

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## MESC ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

### Annual Report – Financial

For the year 2024-2025 It was reported that the income this year was exceeded the expenditure, by £7258.29 an excellent result for this year. Such an improvement on previous years. Due mainly to the good planning and careful budgeting along with a substantial grant from National Lottery Community Fund (£19,950) – a 2 Year Wetlands project and new employment for a person to deliver this project.

With fewer grants awarded we had to be very careful when spending our hard-earned funds. A vote of thanks was given to our brilliant bookkeeper Pam Treadwell for all her hard work over this year and for producing once again our end of year financial report.

Shown below is a summary of the income and expenditure for this period. This year's accounts and report have been qualified by an independent accountant examiner, Mr. Alan King who had signed and dated them as correct.

The Gold account figure includes a set aside amount for this year of approx. £30k ring fenced to cover staff redundancies with the remainder as grant monies held in this account for specific funded projects that MESC are working to complete.

Shown below is the end of year financial report for 2024-2025

MESC FINANCIAL REPORT 2024/2025			
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Donations	1,810.60	Council Rates	0.00
Bank Interest	863.86	Premises/Maintenance	3,617.50
Schools/Nurseries/Toddlers/Preschools	8,127.50	Salaries	29,831.21
Non Schools	2,817.66	Pensions	900.00
Birthday Parties	1,185.00	HMRC	2,634.79
Events	5,234.34	Catering	145.39
Sundry	5,288.42	Event Purchases	695.04
Grant Funding	26,450.00	Insurance	2,142.60
Site Cabin Hire	0.00	Office Purchases	281.56
		Refunds	11.00
		Sundry	4,200.00
		Bank Charges	60.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£51,777.38</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>44,519.09</b>
CAF CASH	4,474.12		
CAF GOLD	41,386.92		
PETTY CASH	140.50		
	46,001.54		

*AK King*  
20th January 2026

Financial report 2024/2025 - was prepared by Pam Treadwell and qualified by Mr Alan King (independent examiner)

See below for independent examiners certification.

### Madley Environmental Study Centre Annual Accounts Year 2024/2025

#### Examiners Report

Year of accounts reported on	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Name of examiner	Mr Alan King
Address of examiner	'Ivylene', Canon Bridge, Madley, Hereford. HR2 9JD

- I confirm that this is an independent examination carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and that the examination has been conducted in accordance with the Directions given by the Commission
- After review of the above accounts, I find them to be a true and accurate report of Madley Environmental Study Centre's financial accounts for year ending April 2024.

Alan King *AK King*

Date *20th January 2026*

## **Funding, Education and Site Development Report 2024/2025**

### **Funding**

- June 2024 – Asda Community Fund (£1500) – 2 x picnic benches and parachute canopy
- September 2024 – National Lottery Community Fund (£19,950) – 2 Year Wetlands project and officer
- November 2024 – Garfield Weston Foundation (£5,000) – Year 2, Core funding
- January 2025 – Comet Pub Quiz Fund - £535 donation
- March 2025 – The Duchy of Cornwall - £1000 donation
- Small donations (under £50) throughout the year - £275.60
- **Total grant funding and donations for 2024/25: £28,260.60**

### **Education**

#### **Visitors**

- 63 school/pre-school visits took place in 2024/25 (totaling 1822 people)
- 59 community activities took place (totaling 1586 visitors)
- **Total visitors for 2024/25: 3408**

### **Main Events 2024/25**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of people</b>
• May 2024: 3 x Family Activity Sessions	58
• Aug 2024: 20 x Family Activity Sessions	453
• Oct 2024: 4 x Family Halloween Sessions	153
• Nov 2024: Christmas Creations Workshop	16
• Nov/Dec 2024: 16 x Christmas Group Sessions	539
• Dec 2024: 3 x Christmas Family sessions	361
• Feb 2025: 4 x Family Activity Sessions	52
• Apr 2025 6 x Easter Family Sessions	153
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1785</b>

No events and activities have been planned for the summer of 2025, due to the Education Officer (Louise Murphy) having cancer treatment. Activities will hopefully go ahead as normal from Autumn 2025.

Our Events resumed in early October when Louise returned to work after her enforced break, although we tried to reduce Louises duties to begin with and since then she has progressed back to full employment.

### **Event Diary 2025/26**

- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025: 4 x Family Halloween Sessions
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025: Christmas Crafts Workshop
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025: (up to) 20 x Group Christmas Sessions
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025: 2 x Family Christmas Sessions
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026: 4 x Family Activity Sessions
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025: 2 x Willow Wigwam Workshops
- 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025: Willow crafts workshop
- 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025: Forage & Feast workshop

### **Summary**

We were awarded approximately £9000 more in funding in 2024/25 than 2023/24. The bulk of the funding (£19,950) was for a two year Wetland project, so around half will be spent in the next financial year. With this in mind, funding levels balanced out to be similar to 2023/24.

We had 9 less school visits in 2024/25, as compared to 2023/24, reflecting the reduced visits in spring 2025 due to Louise's cancer treatment. The reduced visits will be more prominent in next year's figures, as the

treatment continues over the summer term (normally our most busy time) of 2025. Community Events/Activities were not affected by the period of illness (in fact there was an increase of 7 activities). This was due to the new Wetland Officer (Elliot Stroud) and trustee (Sabrina Haddock) running the Spring family programme in the absence of the Education Officer.

### Site Developments

New Wetlands Project Officer, Elliot Stroud, started work in November 2024. This coincided with a huge change in BT's security arrangements, which has had a significant impact on the charity. This included having to change our entrance (the majority of our visitors accessed the site through the BT gates) and transfer a large amount of resources stored in a portacabin on the BT site. We were extremely grateful to Brightwell's (our neighbour on the opposite side), who donated and delivered a secure container to accommodate the resources. Employees of Brightwell's also improved the extremely pot-holed track that our visitors now need to use to access our new carpark. As the track is not suitable for coaches, Brightwell's also agreed to allow coaches to access our carpark through their site. Volunteer (Matt Haynes) improved the track from the carpark to the gates, which had a thick layer of mud build-up, by devising a scraping tool that is pulled behind the tractor. Elliot took arriving in this turmoil in his stride, putting shelving in the container and helping to move and sort all the resources.

Early in 2025 Louise had the cancer diagnosis that required a long period of treatment. Instead of offering workshops, all the willow was cut and made up into packs (with Louise producing instructions) to make wigwam plant supports.

Elliot used excess willow to make a dead hedge screen in the play area, which was so effective, further dead hedges were made around the site, including as a safety feature near the water.

A couple of fallen trees needed clearing after the storm at the end of 2024, including winching one from the pond and a start was made to clearing the islands for the wetlands project.

**Results of Trustee willing to continue until the next AGM planned for early 2026 (due to limited MESC activity for MESC from May 2025)**

Name	Position	Action	Prop.	Sec.	Agreed
Nick Wood	EC	Continue	MV	SH	yes
Maureen Venn	EC /Chair & Sec.	Continue (chair)	SH	LM	yes
Sabrina Haddock	EC /Treasurer	Continue (treasurer)	MV	LM	yes
Pam Treadwell		Resigned April 2025			

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