

Chairman's Report

2025 was a good year.

We made a profit – thanks largely to the SumUp card reader enabling us to accept card payments. This means that we took money from visitors we might otherwise have turned away.

We were thus able to offer the 'workers' a lunch in early December at The Cumberland paid for by the Trust.

We have had several car clubs again with some new ones thanks to Hugh Wyatt.

We are against a brick wall with Westmorland & Furness CC with regard to them gifting the building to us or giving us a 'peppercorn' rent, but they have now included the land between the driveway and the building and the path and most of the block paved area at the other end of the building into our lease.

Happy Steve's BSA C10 has now gone and has been auctioned for a price higher than we were prepared to go to.

We have now converted the Trust to a CIC.

We still need volunteers if anyone knows of people keen to give us a few hours a week – many hands make light work.

Alston Goods Shed Trust

Income & expenditure Summary

1st Jan 2025 - 31st Dec 2025

Income

Admissions	£7,059.26
Donations	£677.00
Grants	£0.00
Interest	£222.25
Miscellaneous	£0.00
Subscriptions	£97.00
	£8,055.51

Expenditure

Administration	£211.99	
Bank Charges	£43.95	
Insurance	£75.00	Note (1)
Publicity & website	£50.00	
Rent & Rates	£4,088.80	Note (2)
Repairs & Renewals	£367.07	
Utilities	£857.66	
	£5,694.47	

Balances

Savings account	£16,478.52
Current Account	£2,057.40
Total	£18,535.92

Surplus £2,361.04

Note (1) - In earlier years we've been invoiced by the Council for a contribution to their building insurance. This has been around £250 a year. We've not been invoiced for this since March 2023. They recently sent an invoice for £1421 for three year's insurance. We're waiting for a response to our query about this amount.

Note (2) - The Council haven't included VAT in the invoice for the rent for eight of the last twelve quarters. We're waiting for their response to our query about this. This will bring an unexpected bill of around £2,000 if we're liable.