

2025 has seen another busy year for the centre with usage of both halls increased and lots of weekend usage requiring lots of opening and closing support from our volunteer management team.

## 1 ENVIRONMENT

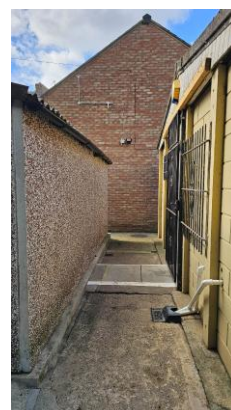
With the increase in usage we have had the need for renewal of lots of fittings. We started the year by removing the urinals in the main hall gents toilets and replacing with two cubicles and renewed handwashing facilities. We continued later in the year by replacing the ladies toilets and handwashing facilities as we had a leakage and sinks needed updating.



Edging was also replaced on the kitchen servery and new leaflet rack installed.



In the small hall we have installed a plumbed in water boiler, replaced the servery edging, replaced the carpet edging and replaced the accessible toilet. Outside, we have removed the rear canopy as damaged and no longer required. All guttering on both buildings cleaned and made good.



## 2 FINANCIAL

Annual rent of £1,000 paid to St. Matthew and St. Luke's Church, payment of £1,000 made to the Church Hall Trust and the loan of £5,000 secured at the end of last year repaid to the Trust.

Big thanks go to the following funding sources which have supported our Wednesday Lunch Club: £2,496 received from Point North at the end of 2024 and £700 received from the Stronger Communities (DBC) fund via our local councillors all put towards supporting accessible transport for the housebound supplied by Age UK and £500 from the Thomas Metcalfe Fund via St. Matthew & St. Luke's which paid for a Christmas Lunch for all who attend. We are very grateful for this financial support.

## 3 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Annual servicing of heating boilers, emergency lighting, fire alarms and extinguishers have all been undertaken throughout the year for both halls and new smart meter installed on the gas meter in the main hall. All external security lights have been checked and upgraded where necessary and hazard floor markings repainted. We have secured additional bins both externally and internally to encourage our users to recycle. We are now composting our leaf and garden waste keeping clear and safe access.



	
4	<p><b>CENTRE USERS</b></p> <p>St. Matthew &amp; St. Luke's Church have also had usage of the centre for Quiz Nights and Murder Mystery to assist with their fundraising. We also continue to accommodate their Parent and Toddler Group, Knit and Natter, Rainbows, Brownies and Guide weekly sessions. In addition we have supported the Let's Talk Group and Friends of the Dene with their Christmas Fairs and monthly meetings</p> <p>In November we said goodbye to Recovery Connections who have moved to their own premises in the town centre so now need to seek more usage for our small hall. We have welcomed Redeem Church and Kidslingo sessions in the main hall.</p> <p>We obtain feedback from users via regular contact and thank them for their continued used of our premises.</p>



Thanks again to the volunteer management team for their time and expertise to run the centre, keeping our accounts in order, cleaning, maintenance and to facilitate opening and cleaning for casual users on weekends.

**DIANE EVANS (CHAIR)**



# Income and Expenditure Account

	2025	2024
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
Regular Hall Users	33,030	21,261
Casual Hall Users	9,988	12,566
Loan – Church Hall Trust	0	5,000
Grant – DBC & Durham County	1,200	2,496
Energy Refund	525	430
	<b>44,743</b>	<b>41,753</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Insurance	2,900	2,826
Water	1,384	1,216
Energy (Electricity & Gas)	6,445	6,370
Cleaning Materials	1,290	1,163
Fire & Security	2,068	2,859
St Matthew & St Lukes – Rent & Loan	6,000	2,000
Refuse Collection	1,600	802
Major Works/Investments	23,184	6,158
Maintenance/Repairs	707	1,642
Sundry Costs	5,787	4,221
Telephone/Wifi provision	1,389	1,151
	<b>52,754</b>	<b>29,408</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>(Deficit) / Surplus</b>	<b>(8,011)</b>	<b>12,345</b>
Balance B/F at 1 January	<b>30,899</b>	<b>18,554</b>
<b>BALANCE C/F AT 31 DECEMBER</b>	<b>22,888</b>	<b>30,899</b>

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Treasurer ..... Heather Young

Chair ..... Diane Evans

Independent Reviewer ..... Pauline Crawford

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Current account		
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Approved on behalf of the Management Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

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Proposed


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