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LONGFIELD HALL TRUST

Report and Accounts for the year ended

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Trustees Report for the year ended 30 September 2025

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mr William Richard Ollard

Ms Juliet Williams

Ms Patricia Omonua

Ms Kikelumo Omonua

Mr James Gardiner-Hill

Ms Christina Hughes-Onslow

Ms Clare Cary

Ms Rosy Crehan

Ms Scarlett Fishburn

Ms Inez Gordon [appointed 10 September 2025]

Registered office

50 Knatchbull Road, London, SE5 9QY

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, Leicester, LE87 2BB

Charity Aims

Longfield Hall Trust manages the historic Grade 2 listed Hall on behalf of the local community. In October 2019 it signed a 39 year lease on Longfield Hall with the London Borough of Lambeth. It achieves its charitable objectives by looking after and improving the building and providing an affordable space for education, performance, rehearsals, recreation, meetings and other activities.

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Activities

Longfield Hall first opened in 1889 and has been serving the area around Myatt's Fields, Camberwell ever since. In October 2019 LHT was granted a 39-year lease on the Hall by Lambeth Borough Council. Almost immediately, and as a condition of the lease, Longfield Hall Trust (LHT) started work to improve the Hall, and to make it fully accessible. The initial phase of this project was completed in 2021. LHT would like to thank the organisations which grant-funded the first phase of the enhancement. Alphabetically, they are: Biffa Award, Big Issue Invest, City Bridge Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Power to Change, Swire Charitable Trust, Veolia Environmental Trust, and Viridor Environmental Credits.

Since the completion of the first phase of the enhancement, LHT has raised funding for further improvements. In the year under review, we have focused on the external appearance of the building, installing a dry garden around the bay and then overhauling and improving the environmental performance of the windows. We are grateful for the support of The Foyle Foundation, The Pilgrim Trust, the Suez Communities Fund, and a number of anonymous donors for their support of these capital projects.

LHT's business is managing the hall as a community space in an area which is extraordinarily diverse, in terms of income, race and age. Although the area immediately adjacent to the hall is apparently affluent, shortly beyond it are some of the most deprived communities in south London.

LHT's charitable purpose is to meet the needs of its local community. We operate as a 'village hall', providing space for recreation, education & training, public meetings and worship. We also provide spaces for rites of passage such as weddings, wakes and birthday parties. We are also a small-scale performance venue; this celebrates our historic role, marked by a Blue Plaque, as the home to the first publicly-funded Black Theatre company in the UK, Dark & Light Theatre.

The major operational change since the enhancement has been that LHT has developed its own projects based at the hall. In May 2025 we received our first multi-year grant, from the City Bridge Foundation, to launch a Memory Cafe at the hall. The Rosemary Cafe has run weekly since, offering a broad range activities for people with a dementia diagnosis and their carers. The Rosemary Club's day is built around lunch, but people drop in, chat to friends and take part in creative activities throughout the day.

We have also developed a very successful Youth Drama programme, led by Jessica Alade. We run weekly free drama sessions for various age groups on Sunday and holiday drama (*Play in a Day* or *Play in a Week*) in school holidays. We have been accepted on to the National Theatre Connections programme for the past three years, and in May 2026 will be performing a piece at The Tramshed in Woolwich. We are grateful to The Foyle Foundation, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Mackintosh Foundation, Tom' ap Rhys Memorial Trust (Tom's Trust), the Beckenham Theatre Trust and the Newcomen Collett Foundation for their support for youth drama projects for young people in Lambeth and Southwark.

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Report on the Year ending 30 September 2025


Total Income for the year was £329,027 (2024 £245,670), outgoing resources £325,430 (2024 £238,220), resulting in a surplus for the year of £3,597 (2024 surplus £7,450).

These figures need to be understood as a reflection of the way we have accounted for the substantial enhancement we made to the Hall over the past couple of years. These costs of this capital improvement are being amortised over the remaining years of our lease.

Operationally, the charity has focused on managing the increased opportunities, both commercial and charitable, that the enhancement of the Hall has created. The fact that our three principal spaces can now be used independently of each other has produced a significant increase in both usage of the Hall and the scope and scale of the activities we can offer. We now offer a lot more activities for both young people and older people, especially those at risk of isolation.

At the end of the financial year we had 120 people who are, formally, members of the company, LHT, and a further 350 who have asked to be on our email list. Anyone can be a member (and it costs nothing) but almost all the current members are local people who use the hall. The 350 people on our email list are all hall users.

The trustee board answers to the members formally at the Annual General Meeting but also informally at any time. We hope more local people, and particularly younger people, will become members (and trustees) as we develop. Naturally we will consult with the local community at every stage of our development.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and vertical strokes, appearing to read 'Will Ollard'.

Will Ollard
Chair of Trustees
13 January 2026

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Charity

I report to the trustees on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account & Statement of Total Realised Gains and Losses)

For the year ended 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds <u>2025</u>	Restricted Funds <u>2025</u>	Total Funds <u>2025</u>	Total Funds <u>2024</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants and donations received	23,524	114,445	137,969	99,152
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	190,780	-	185,380	146,283
Bank interest received	278	-	278	235
Total Incoming Resources	<u>214,582</u>	<u>114,445</u>	<u>329,027</u>	<u>245,670</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Total Resources Expended	173,824	151,606	325,430	238,220
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES / NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	<u>40,758</u>	<u>(37,161)</u>	<u>3,597</u>	<u>7,450</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 OCTOBER	8,458	517,872	526,330	518,880
TOTAL FUNDS AT 30 SEPTEMBER	<u>49,216</u>	<u>480,711</u>	<u>529,927</u>	<u>526,330</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	584,125	606,995
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	4	32,411	13,106
Cash at bank		29,042	28,879
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals due within one year	5	<u>(107,941)</u>	<u>(92,757)</u>
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(46,488)	(50,772)
Creditors due after one year	5	<u>(7,710)</u>	<u>(29,893)</u>
Net Assets		<u>529,927</u>	<u>526,330</u>
Reserves			
Retained unrestricted reserve		49,216	8,458
Restricted funds	6	<u>480,711</u>	<u>517,872</u>
Total reserves		<u>529,927</u>	<u>526,330</u>

The trustees are satisfied that for the year in question the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 3.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Approved by the trustees on 13 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



William Ollard, Director

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of measurement and preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. They have not been audited, but they have been externally reviewed.

Assets are depreciated over the following periods:

Office equipment over 3 years

Leasehold improvements over their estimated useful life of between 5 and 40 years

Income that relates to the hire of space in subsequent financial years is treated as deferred income as it is not considered to arise within the financial year until delivered.

2 The Company is limited by guarantee and consequently does not have a share capital.

3 Tangible Assets

	<u>2025</u>			<u>2024</u>
	Leasehold Improvements	Office Equipment	Total	Total
Cost as at 1 October	697,283	6,920	704,203	704,203
Additions at cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cost as at cost 30 September	<u>697,283</u>	<u>6,920</u>	<u>704,203</u>	<u>704,203</u>
Depreciation as at 1 October	90,288	6,920	97,208	74,338
Depreciation charge for the year	<u>22,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,870</u>	<u>22,870</u>
Depreciation as at 30 September	<u>113,158</u>	<u>6,920</u>	<u>120,078</u>	<u>97,208</u>
Net book value as at 30 September	<u>584,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>584,125</u>	<u>606,995</u>

The Charity premises are the subject of a lease from Lambeth Council.

Additions to leasehold improvements in the comparative year represent the costs of building improvement works carried out and bought into use during that year. The grants that funded these works are treated as restricted funds amortised over their expected useful life, from financial year 2020/21 onwards.

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4 Debtors and Prepayments

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Trade Debtors	27,507	7,517
Prepayments	<u>4,904</u>	<u>5,589</u>
Total	<u>32,411</u>	<u>13,106</u>

5 Creditors, Accruals and Deferred income

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Creditors and accruals	33,047	27,912
Deferred income	18,223	-
Amount held on behalf of third parties	31,542	16,917
Loans due within 1 year	25,129	47,928
Total	<u>107,941</u>	<u>92,757</u>
Loans due after 1 year	-	<u>29,893</u>

6 Related party transactions. There have been no reportable transactions with the directors.

7 Capital commitments

At 30 September 2025 LHT had committed £Nil [2024 £Nil] in respect of capital works.

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8 Restricted funds

Brought forward Incoming resources Resources expended Carried forward

£6,000 £nil £(2,000) £4,000
Grant from Sport England to fund a new hall sprung floor.

£14,809 £nil £(14,809) £Nil
Grants from London Community Foundation to fund Craft Your Future DIY programme.

£10,000 £10,000 £(9,918) £10,082
Grants from Tom's Trust to fund Youth Drama activities in summer 2025 and 2026.

£13,596 £Nil £(11,894) £1,702
Grants from Foyle Foundation to fund 12-month support of LHT Youth Performing Arts programme which offers weekly free theatre workshops to young people (6-16) and support those from disadvantaged backgrounds to access valuable progression opportunities including National Theatre's Connections.

£Nil £2,500 £(2,500) £Nil
Grant from Skinners Charitable Foundation to support a choir for the elderly.

£6,716 £2,500 £(9,216) £Nil
Grants from Arts Council England to fund Young Longfield Performing Arts.

£Nil £1,500 £(1,500) £Nil
Grants from Newcomen to fund youth drama at Longfield Hall for pupils from the London Borough of Southwark.

£Nil £5,000 £(5,000) £Nil
Grant from an anonymous donor to fund the creation of a Longfield Hall garden.

£Nil £15,000 £(15,000) £Nil
Grant from The Foyle Foundation to fund window repairs and replacements.

£Nil £4,940 £(4,940) £Nil
Grant from Suez Foundation to fund window repairs and replacements.

£nil £5,940 £(5,940) £Nil
Grants from Lambeth HAF to fund Summer 2025 Holiday Activities and Food.

£6,254 £Nil £(6,254) £Nil
Grants from Garfield Weston Foundation to fund Youth Drama.

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<u>Brought forward</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Resources expended</u>	<u>Carried forward</u>
£Nil	£17,580	£10,940	£6,640
Grant from Awards For All to fund Encore, a project for older people at risk of isolation.			
£Nil	£15,200	£(8,311)	£6,889
Grant from City Bridge Trust to support Memory Café project for elderly with dementia			
£nil	£7,000	£(7,000)	£Nil
Grant from Friends of the Elderly to fund Longfield Voices, Silver Yoga and other activities for pensioners at risk of isolation.			
£1,543	£7,560	£(7,526)	£1,577
Cameron Mackintosh to fund youth drama at Longfield Hall.			
£Nil	£4,000	£(4,000)	£Nil
Grant from Doyly Carte to fund Young Longfield Performing Arts.			
£Nil	£4,000	£(2,070)	£1,930
Grant from Beckenham Theatre Trust to fund Young Longfield Performing Arts.			
£Nil	£10,000	£(7,000)	£3,000
Grant from Lambeth Community Connections to fund Memory café pilot.			
£458,954	£nil	£(14,063)	£444,891
Grants to fund capital improvements to Longfield Hall in 2020-2021.			
£NIL	£1,725	£(1,725)	£Nil
Donations received to support youth drama at Longfield Hall.			
<u>£517,872</u>	<u>£114,445</u>	<u>£(151,606)</u>	<u>£480,711</u>

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Donations of £5,524 (2024 £1,842) were received in the year.

An unrestricted grant of £18,000 was received from Postcode Society Trust that has helped support the repair of windows, a new landscaped garden and the Young Longfield Performing Arts

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Detailed Expenditure for the year ended 30 September 2025 [Not part of the statutory accounts]

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Rent and rates	11,263	9,927
Staffing	35,084	23,704
Office costs	4,407	7,757
Repairs	15,510	4,350
Direct grant related	137,543	58,301
Hire Support Costs	9,723	934
Community Events	7,318	9,455
Waste collection	2,247	2,541
Utilities	11,964	27,838
Insurance/Security	6,453	8,065
Cleaning	25,583	23,108
Bookkeeping and accounts	7,912	3,960
Professional fees	4,116	874 -
Depreciation	2,788	2,788
Leasehold Amortisation	20,081	20,081
Loan interest	3,773	26,330
Marketing & Fundraising	14,438	8,595
Irrecoverable / (Recovered) VAT	5,227	(388)
<u>Total</u>	<u>325,430</u>	<u>238,220</u>