



Hawthorn

Community Centre

Chairman: Louise Murray

Secretary: Vacant Position

Treasurer: Sheila Wilson

Vice-Chair : Lesa Blenkinsopp

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Annual Chairman's Report — Hawthorn Community Centre

Year Ending 31st December 2025

Hawthorn Community Centre continues to serve as a welcoming hub for our local community, supporting a wide range of activities and events. Our purpose and a management committee is to foster community spirit, reduce social isolation and be a welcoming environment for everyone who uses the centre.

Our achievements are only possible thanks to the dedication of the volunteers on our management committee and active community members. However, we need more hands on deck. I urge anyone interested in making a difference to consider lending a hand. Greater involvement will help us expand our offerings and strengthen our community spirit.

The secretary role remains vacant. I would like to extend my gratitude to Sheila, who has provided invaluable interim support alongside her actual role as Treasurer. Her commitment has ensured that our committee meetings and bookings timetable continues to operate smoothly.

Our coffee mornings, led by Lesa, have brought warmth and conversation to many. Carolyn's stewardship of the library and garden has created engaging spaces for relaxation and learning. Regular renters, including Sarah, the art groups, and yoga sessions, have helped maintain a lively and varied schedule for our centre.

In 2025 we hosted several important public service activities, such as the housing consultation, grid connection discussions, BESS information sessions, and the NES&AR charity night. Social events included the Christmas lunch, trail run, armed forces coffee mornings, Easter celebration, and the Macmillan summer social, all of which contributed to a vibrant and inclusive community atmosphere.

Our membership numbers in 2025 remain lower than hoped, which is an ongoing concern. In response, we are implementing a new approach for 2026 to boost engagement and attract a broader range of participants. We encourage all current members to invite friends and neighbours to join and experience what the centre has to offer.

We have made progress with building improvements, including replacing chairs and ensuring the centre remains safe, comfortable, and compliant with necessary regulations. Regular maintenance and checks have kept our facilities in good condition, supporting the smooth running of all activities.


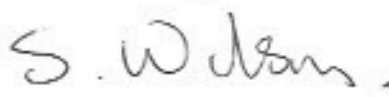
On behalf of the committee, I extend heartfelt thanks to all who contribute their time, energy, and enthusiasm to the Hawthorn Community Centre. Looking ahead to 2026, we are committed to building on our achievements, addressing challenges, and fostering an even stronger sense of community. Your support and involvement will be crucial—please consider volunteering or becoming more engaged so we can continue to thrive together.

Submitted to Annual General Meeting on Monday 2 March 2026



HAWTHORN COMMUNITY CENTRE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE DETAILS 2025

Income		Expenditure	
	£		£
Coffee Morning & Events	1708.60	Community Centre Repairs & Maint	1171.25
Art Class	306.00	Community Centre - Gen. & Admin.	477.52
Community Centre Hire	1860.00	Community Centre Refreshments	320.93
Hire of Outbuildings	2238.00	Community Centre Equipment	4151.10
Hawthorn Parish Council Hall Hire	220.00	DCC Garden Waste	76.00
Donations (inc Community Library)	244.00	Macmillan Charity Donation	401.15
Trail Outlaws Run	140.00	Performing Rights Society	162.00
		British Telecom (Wifi/Broadband)	875.97
Membership	385.00	EDF - Electricity	117.95
		Corona - Gas	1194.74
NS & I Interest	64.67	Wave - Water	484.13
		Barrie Insurance	446.95
		Summer Event	350.00
Total Income 2025:		Total Expenditure 2025:	10229.69
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Surplus/Minus Balance:	(-3063.42)		
B/F Balance 2024:	31368.48	Current Account 2024:	28240.39
(NS & I 2024 B/F:)	6467.15	N S & I Investment Account:	6531.82
BALANCE TOTAL:	34772.21		34772.21
SIGNED:		DATE: 25 February 2026	
			
JK Elliott - Auditor			
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S Wilson - Treasurer			

BALANCE SHEET

HAWTHORN COMMUNITY CENTRE FINANCIAL RETURN 2025 LLOYDS BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT - 34093160 RECONCILIATION including NS&I ACCOUNT

	£
Lloyds Bank Statement Dated 31st December 2025	28240.39
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Balance	28240.39
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Balance @ 31/12/24	31368.48
Income Jan - Dec 2025 (inc NS&I Interest of 64.67)	7166.27
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Total	38534.75
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Expenditure Jan - Dec 2025	10229.69
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Bal Inc / Exp	28305.06
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Balances @ Lloyds Bank & NS&I 31/12/25	
N. S. Investment Account (n.b. 2025 Int. Figure awaited)	6531.82
Lloyds Current Account	28240.39
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Total	34772.21
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