

The Wilson Centre (Long Newton)
Secretary's Report to the Trustees for the AGM 2025
28th May, 2025

The Charity Trustees of the Wilson Centre CIO (hereinafter referred to as the Wilson Centre Management Team, WCMT) constitutionally comprises up to 12 members; of whom two are St. Mary's PCC representatives and the remainder are elected members. There is also scope to co-opt. The Trustees & Co-optees for the AGM's 2024-25 reporting year were:

Danny Braun (co-optee)	Ian Downing
Steven Firth (Chairman)	Brian Gregory (Secretary)
Julie Higgins	Sarah Martin (Co-optee) ¹
Julie Norman (Co-optee)	Kelly Peare (Co-optee)
Heather Sadd (Treasurer)	Hira & Rashpal Singh (Co-optees)
George Stewart (Co-optee)	Janet Stewart (Co-optee)
Barry Thompson (Vice Chairman) ²	Brian Wake

Subject to mutual assent, Co-optees may convert to Trustees (at the next AGM) and/ or be additionally recruited in due course to ensure future maintenance of Team size.

The WCMT met six times in 2024-25. The management & maintenance of the Centre remains under constant review by the WCMT: the four-person 'Progress Group' continued to liaise on an ad hoc basis in intervening months (with other Team members co-opted from time-to-time as appropriate). Recruitment of additional Trustees remains a top priority.

The WCMT has in place all requisite policies to ensure that good Centre management occurs; as mandated under the requirements of our Hallmark Level 2 award gained in 2014. The Committee continues to work towards accreditation to Level Three. Annual Returns continue to be submitted under our CIO status, as required by the Charities Commission.

The Centre remains a member of both Tees Valley Rural Action (previously Tees Valley Rural Community Council) & Tees Valley Village Halls Network. Team members attended meetings of these bodies as appropriate; helping keep the WCMT up-to-date with both legislation and current issues affecting village halls.

During the '24-'25 financial year, wear-and -tear and weather degradation necessitated kitchen area flat roof replacement and exterior brickwork repairs (water ingress prevention), centre deep-clean & ground-source heating system service.

The Centre was well-patronised in 2024-5. Exercise/ yoga etc & Saturday dance classes continued. Two Disco Events were successfully trialled by Sarah Martin & Julie Martin. Very successful September *Little BIG Breakfast*, October *Hallowe'en 'Spooktacular'*, & December *Christmas Tree Lighting & Sleeping Beauty & The Beast (Pantomime)* events were staged; along with others including a July MOR-Ukes Charity Concert, Rural Arts-subsidised November *'The Plot Thickens'* theatre night & a February *Little BIG Breakfast*. were staged.

None of the events that took place would have been possible without the dedicated hard work of our caretakers, Paul Boardman (who is also Centre Supervisor) & Kerry Weir, who ensure the presentation of the Wilson in its best light whether for private bookings, classes or business meetings.

The WCMT welcomes feedback from users of the Centre and the community. Other village businesses and organisations are kept informed of the dates of planned WCMC events to minimise the risk of diary clashes.

¹Sarah Martin & ²Barry Thompson respectively retired in late early 2025/ late 2024 respectively due to moves to properties outside the village.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
(For the year ending 31st March 2025)

2023/ 2024 Unrestricted	2023/ 2024 Restricted		2024/ 2025 Unrestricted	2024/ 2025 Restricted
		INCOME		
0		Grant Income	0	0
0	0	Big Lottery Fund		0
0	0		0	0
		Voluntary Income		
2984	0	Donations (including Gift Aid)	1936	0
2984	0		1936	0
		Activities for generating funds		
4764	0	Fundraising Events	2672	0
0	0	Other activities for generating funds(photocopier)	0	0
4764	0		2672	0
		Investment Income		
16189	0	Hall Hire and Rental	17888	0
843	0	Bank Interest	962	0
17032	0		18850	0
24780	0	TOTAL INCOME	23458	0
		EXPENSES		
		Cost of Charitable Activities		
3607	0	Fundraising Costs	1477	0
0	0	Photocopying	0	0
3607	0		1477	0
		Governance Costs		
0	0	Professional Accountancy Fees	0	0
0	0	Legal and Other Professional Fees	0	0
0	0		0	0
		Support Costs		
693	0	Rates/ Water	663	0
1521	0	Office Expenses	2065	0
4355	0	Repairs and Maintenance	959	0
0	0	Storage	0	0
3781	0	Lighting and Heating	4141	0
1005	0	Insurance	1055	0
600	0	Rent	600	0
10	0	Sundries	73	0
72	0	Publications	282	0
1413	13397	Depreciation of Fixed Assets	1218	13397
9093	0	Wages	10463	0
22543	13397		21519	13397
26150	13397	TOTAL EXPENSES	22996	13397
-1370	-13397	TRANSFER TO RESERVES - MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	462	-13397
56633	87485	TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT A PRIL 2024 →	55263	74088
55263	74088	TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD AT MARCH 31ST 2025→	55725	60691

The Wilson Centre (Long Newton) - Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1167078

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

2023/ 2024			2024/ 2025	
Unrestricted	Restricted		Unrestricted	Restricted
75923		Fixed Assets	62190	
3522		Leasehold Buildings	2642	
0	79445	Fixtures and Fittings		64832
0		Current Assets	0	
519		Other Debtors	686	
0	519	Prepayments		686
44598		Bank Reserve Account	45997	
4530		Current Account	4819	
0		Cash in hand (difference between bankings and cashbook)	82	
	49128			50898
	129092	TOTAL ASSETS		116416
0		Creditors	0	
294		Amounts due within 1 year	0	
0		Accruals and Deferred Income		
	294	TOTAL LIABILITIES		0
	128798	NET CURRENT ASSETS		116416
74060		FUNDS	60691	
54738		Restricted Funds	55725	
	128798	Unrestricted Funds		116416

Signed



W S Firth, Director

Date

20/11/25

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17th October 2025

The Secretary,
The Wilson Centre (Long Newton),
% 9 Rectory Lane,
Long Newton,
Stockton on Tees TS21 1PH

Dear Brian,

Re: The Wilson Centre (Long Newton) Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025

I have examined the Wilson Centre Accounts for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

The above accounts are prepared and presented in an appropriate and professional manner, supported by additional relevant Bank Statement information for the Centre.

I confirm that in my opinion these accounts represent a true and fair record of the financial affairs of the Wilson Centre over the above accounting period.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JABradbury', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.