

The Luxford Centre, Uckfield  
AGM 2025

Chairman's Report

Good morning and thank you for coming here this morning. I now have pleasure in giving my report for the calendar year 2024. Every year, I say how quickly the year has gone and this year is no exception.

Since our last AGM, your committee has met for four scheduled meetings to deal with the general running of the facility here and its organisation. The mundane forms which we all encounter in managing our own homes such as insurance, cleaning repairs, utilities and so on, all apply here. Your committee has a responsibility to maintain the building in a good, serviceable and safe condition and are accountable to the Charity Commission in this respect, so that we keep a constant watch on the building and its operation.

I reported at last years meeting on the retirement of several of our officers and trustees and this has obviously impacted on our methods and operations. Things needed to change so we had to take a close look at how we operated and make plans for the future. This is a good thing and in hindsight, should have been done earlier. We began discussions on joining the two committees to improve communication and efficiency. This was unanimously agreed by members of both committees and they voted to take it forward to club members by way of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in this current year. So more of that at next years AGM.

A further impact of the retirements involved the reallocation of duties and responsibilities and I would like to record my thanks to Joan Richards who took on the bookings and Horst Worz for obtaining grants and funding. We received a generous grant from Uckfield Town Council to enable the Tyler Room floor to be renewed.

I am sure that the changes we proposed during 2024 and are being implemented during this current year will serve the club well for many years to come and benefit current and future members.

During the year we welcomed Peter Martin as a representative from Uckfield Lions and Val Frost as a representative from Uckfield Town Council. We are very grateful for their attendance. As mentioned last year, David Lucas retired as our treasurer during 2024 and Yvonne Linthwaite very kindly stepped into the breach and is proving to be a very able, capable treasurer, so thanks for filling this most important role.

We spoke last year about the proposed extension to the southern end of this building. Well nothing more has transpired sadly, we have been trying to get grant funding to enable works to commence with very little result. This however led us to look at alternative routes and it was proposed to consider GoFundMe as a means of financing the works. So more of this next year.

Whilst I appreciate, as I am sure you do also, that this report is somewhat shorter than last year, it does not mean that the trustees have not been working as hard as previously but that maybe we have been more efficient or committed.

In conclusion, I would like to thank most sincerely all members of both committees who have worked tirelessly and with enthusiasm to maintain this brilliant facility. I know it is bad policy to single out individuals but a special mention must go to Joan Wilcox who stepped into the breach when Dorothy Sparks retired and took on the temporary secretary role until our new recruit, Roger Linthwaite voluntarily came forward in this current year. So finally, once again thanks to all committee members.

Chris Macve  
Chairman of Trustees  
Luxford Centre  
10th May 2025

# **The Luxford Centre Uckfield**

Charity Number 1180260-C10

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

### **Explanation of Annual Accounts**

#### **INCOME**

**Membership & Fundraising** – Our membership has increased over the year but activities were down and hall hire is down as was outings and events. We must, however never forget the amazing hard work done by Bob, Jo and June and members of their committee in running the Club. With so many new members, a few more volunteers would be good.

The Hall hire brings in the greatest amount but maybe charges need to be looked at as it is down on last year.

**Donations** – We received £100 from Stevens Funfair, £25 from a local brewery and £75 from the Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society.

**Grants** – we received £2,000 from Uckfield Town Council to go towards the new flooring in the Tyler Room.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

**New equipment** - comprises of a new water heater, bowls mat and handle at £4,382 for the flooring (offset by the £2,000 grant).

**Bin clearance** – this has increased as we are now on weekly collections.

**Sewerage & water** – the previous provider's invoices with Castle Water have been confusing. We are now with Everflow, so hopefully costs should settle down.

**Gas & Electricity** – They seem to have increased in line with everything else. We are not able to change the Gas supplier yet as we are on a 2 year contract.

**Telephone** – We have changed to full fibre broadband and new package with BT so hopefully the bills will settle down now after a turbulent year with them.

**Sundries** – This figure includes 2 large amounts from Pyrotek for supply and installation of a new fire alarm system.

Most of the other headings need no explanation.

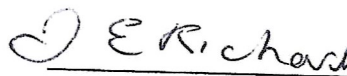
As you will see, we have ended the year with a deficit of £2,229. This can be accounted for in extra expense for new equipment and fire alarm system. There are also some hiring fees outstanding but hopefully these will be resolved and with a new booking system coming online, this should not occur again.


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BALANCE SHEET	2024 £	2023 £
Freehold Property	200000	200000
<u>Banks/cash</u>		
Executive a/c CAF bank	5981	1677
Savings a/c CAF bank	29600	34343
House a/c Lloyds	2949	4731
Petty cash	-5	3
	<u>38525</u>	<u>40754</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>238525</u></b>	<b><u>240754</u></b>
Represented by		
Reserves	238355	240584
Key deposits held	<u>170</u>	<u>170</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>238525</u></b>	<b><u>240754</u></b>
<b>CASH FLOW</b>		
Opening Balance	40754	35449
Surplus income/deficit	- 2229	5285
Key deposits received		<u>20</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>38525</u></b>	<b><u>40754</u></b>


Joan Richards
12/2/2025
Treasurer Lloyds bank/cash  
 Signature                      Print Name                      Date


Yvonne Linthwaite
12/2/2025
Treasurer CAF bank/cash  
 Signature                      Print Name                      Date

I have reviewed the accounts and records and I am satisfied that these accounts are a fair reflection of the Luxford Centre's income and expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and the assets held 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

  
 Paul Sparks  
 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025