

FRINTON ON SEA WI COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

Welcome to our 103rd Annual Meeting! We are an amazing group of ladies who wish to share our experiences with each other, who are enthusiastic to learn, who are willing to help in our local community and who enjoy spending time together.

Membership numbers during 2024 to 2025 again exceeded all of our expectations and I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members!

This is a summary of our year in review and together we have had a wonderful time! In this report, I have tried to capture us, who we are and the things we have done together and I apologise in advance for any omissions I may have made.

Our Meetings – Afternoon and Evening

Our WI has traditionally held Evening Meetings however, since March 2023 we have also been offering Afternoon Meetings once a month for our members and this has been a remarkable success. Members can now attend either afternoon or evening meetings or attend both meetings.

The committee extends their appreciation to everyone who helps to organise our meetings, your support is invaluable and much appreciated at each and every meeting.

Our Frinton WI Programme has been varied and we hope it contains something for everyone. As a brief summary, we had a fascinating insight into the life of the Special Operations Executive in WWII with Katie Cole when we learned about three incredible women, Nancy, Noor and Christine. We enjoyed a fun afternoon listening to Chris Bishop who entertained us all with his Short Songs and Tall Stories. We then were captivated by Stephen Gibbs who shared the highlights of this extensive career in the police force and told us some extraordinary crime stories in the process. We have all appreciated the fabulous programme this year and can look forward to even more fascinating speakers in 2025/26.

Information about our WI, meetings and events can be found in our brilliant monthly Newsletter edited by Jean Mockford and also on our social media, Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp Groups. Thank you to our fantastic Social Media Team who post news and events on a regular basis.

Subcommittees

The committee would like to thank all of the Subcommittee Leads for their dedication and time in organising their groups by also using a WhatsApp Group; we are very immensely proud of you all and most grateful for the outstanding work you do for our WI.

Anyone Fancy?	Crochet Club	Pudding Club	Community Choir
Art Club	Gardening Club	Reading Club	Ladies that Lunch & Dine
Climate Change	Hobby Club	Walking Group	WI Allotment
Craft Club	Public Affairs		

A snapshot of our WI Events held during the last 12 months.

The committee wish to extend a vote of thanks to everyone for their help and support at the following fabulous events:

- James Bond – Casino Night (Fundraising evening)
- Community Café/Meet Up Café
- Golf Day
- Afternoon Tea hosted by Jan Holyoake and team
- Ladies Afternoon Tea at the Golf Club
- WI Croquet Taster at the Frinton Tennis Club
- Beach Toy Library – Project by Frinton WI for Frinton Beach
- Joint Frinton WI and Frinton Rotary Club Christmas Party
- Remembrance Sunday – November 2024
- Poppy display for the McGrigor Hall
- Christmas Tabletop Sale
- WI Resolution Party
- Flower Arranging Demonstration
- Spring Garden Club – Demonstrations and talks
- Walk in her Name – Walks in March 2025 (raising awareness of Ovarian Cancer)
- Love Grace – Handbag donations initiative
- WI members attended 'Chariots of Fire' performance at the Frinton Summer Theatre
- Kathy Stapleton organised our first WI 'Reclaim the Night Vigil' held in November 2024 to raise awareness and support for the WI Campaign, *No More Violence against Women and Girls*.

Our chosen charity for 2024/25 was St Helena Hospice, Herts and Essex Air Ambulance and Tendring Specialist Stroke Services.

Tabletop Sales were held until end of 2024 and the proceeds went to St Helena Hospice in memory of our dear Sue Chotipong. The tabletop sales were the brainchild of Alison Porteous and both Alison and Brenda Kettle rallied members to raise a staggering £7200. We were honoured to present a cheque to St Helena Hospice with Sue's husband and friends present.

We are continuing with the tabletops as part of our charity fundraising this year for Herts and Essex Air Ambulance.

Members have supported the local Foodbank with their kind donations of female hygiene products to help women in our local community.

Also, together we made it happen and we now have a shiny new kitchen in the McGrigor Hall, a fabulous improvement to the facilities we offer at the McGrigor Hall.

Finally, the committee would like to thank each and every one of our wonderful members for their support, **together we are a brilliant team** and hope that you are as proud as we are to be a part of the WI who this year is celebrating 110 years and is the largest and most influential women's organisation in the UK.

Written by Mary O'Connor, Secretary on behalf of the **Frinton WI Committee / 18 May 2025**

Note: enter figures manually for last year and in any other cells that are not filled automatically if applicable to your WI

WI name	Frinton WI Combined
Charity number (if registered)	228989
Federation	Essex



Please review the 'Notes to Financial Statement' sheet before completing this Statement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period from 01/01/24 to 31/12/24

Section A Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Total £	Last year £	A2 Payments	Total £	Last year £
Receipts at meetings	330.00	455.00	Meeting expenses	1,611.05	1,555.90
Subscriptions (WI share)	4,111.20	3,737.60	Committee Members' expenses	-	34.65
Gift Aid	-		Pooling of fares / expenses	16.00	66.00
Publications	-		Publications	42.00	105.00
Activities & events	9,801.58	7,848.77	Activities & events	9,186.23	6,078.38
WI fundraising	8,893.74	8,371.17	WI fundraising	1,959.35	4,202.10
Interest received	145.32	13.27	Insurance	30.00	33.00
Paid into current account	-				
Paid into deposit account					
Grants and donations	32.20		Donations made	7,227.50	472.50
Other income	398.35	499.00	Other payments	505.03	559.02
			Transfer to Hall		
WI-owned hall - total receipts	32,913.54		WI-owned hall - total payments	38,635.04	
Total Receipts	56,625.93	20,924.81	Total Payments	59,212.20	13,106.55

A3 Restricted funds included in total receipts	14,192.81		A4 Restricted funds included in total payments	4,998.69	
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Total Receipts less Total Payments (Surplus/Deficit for the year)

- 2,586.27

A5 Total cash funds brought forward from last year (equals last year's total at B1.6)

45,993.16

A6 Total cash funds carried forward at this year end

43,406.89

A7 Total restricted funds at year end included in total cash funds above

£9,194.12

The main purposes of the Women's Institute organisation are:

- (a) to advance the education of women and girls for the public benefit in all areas including (without limitation): (i) local, national and international issues of political and social importance; (ii) music, drama and other cultural subjects; and (iii) all branches of agriculture, crafts, home economics, science, health and social welfare;
- (b) to promote sustainable development for the public benefit by: (i) educating people in the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources; and (ii) promoting sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
- (c) to advance health for the public benefit; and
- (d) to advance citizenship for the public benefit by the promotion of civic responsibility and volunteering.

WI name

Frinton WI

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

B1 Cash funds

		Total £	Last year £
B1.1	Final bank balance as per Account Book, including uncleared items	3,062.54	5,880.27
B1.2	Reconciliation of final bank balance from Account Book to bank statement		
	Bank statement total at year end	3,112.54	
	Plus amounts paid in to bank but not cleared		
	Less cheques written but not cleared	50.00	
	Less any cheques still uncleared from last year		
	Total (should equal balance at B1.1)	3,062.54	
B1.3	Savings / deposit account balance	2,964.72	7,819.40
B1.4	Hall Account	37,286.13	32,293.49
B1.5	Invoiced Unpaid	93.50	
B1.6	Total cash funds	43,406.89	45,993.16

B2 Investments (if any)

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B3 Other monetary assets (e.g. any money owed to the WI)

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B4 Other assets held by the WI
e.g. WI owned hall, other equipment

Value
(optional)*

Original cost
(optional)*

* cost / value should only be completed if meaningful information is available

B5 Liabilities

Payments due immediately but not paid, or due at a future date, e.g. loans

Date due
(optional)*

Amount due
(optional)*

* amount / date due should only be completed if meaningful information available

Signed on behalf of all the trustees (WI Committee members)

Signature

Name

Date of approval

S. Peters

L. A. PETERS

President

Treasurer

Independent financial examiner's initials:

WI name

Frinton WI **COMBINED****Section C****Notes to the financial statement****C1 Funds received and paid as agent**

Complete this section with total amounts received and paid over to the federation in the year

	Any balance from previous year £	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £	Any balance held at year end £
Federation / NFWI share of subscriptions		4,911.60	4,911.60	0.00
Federation event bookings by individual members		-	-	-
NFWI and / or federation raffle		20.00	20.00	-
Total	-	4,931.60	4,931.60	0.00

C2 Details of restricted funds

Complete this section if the WI had any restricted funds during the year

	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £	Any balance held at year end £
Name or description of restricted fund:			
Total	-	-	-

C3 Further details of WI activities /fundraising /other

Include additional details that would be helpful to WI members or other readers of the financial statement

	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £
Activities & events (description)		
Total WI activities	-	-
WI fundraising (description)		
Total WI fundraising	-	-
Grants & donations		
Total grants & donations	-	-
Other income / expenditure		
Total other income / expenditure	-	-

Independent financial examiner's initials:

Guidance on completing the WI Financial Statement is available on the My WI website

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of

Charity number (if registered)

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I report on the Receipts and Payments Accounts set out on the attached Financial Statement pages 1-3 for the above named WI for the year ended

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 the 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 next statement.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention, (other than disclosed below*):

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 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have 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.

*Please delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.

Comments:

Signature:

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