

**North Petherton Community Centre  
Fore Street, North Petherton, Somerset TA6 6QA  
Charity Number 291048**

**Chairman's Report on behalf of Trustees 2024/2025**

**Introduction**

The year since our last AGM in April 2024 has been a busy and productive year. We have an active and committed management committee with 8 Trustees and 13 representatives from regular users of the Centre and the wider North Petherton community. This collegiate membership aims to ensure the committee is representative of the community it serves.

**Strengthening the Governance**

The objects of the Charity remain unchanged, namely the Community Centre is a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of North Petherton, without distinction of political religious or other opinion including use for meeting lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Having revised the values, mission and aims of our management processes we revised our Constitution to update it from its original version in 1983. The draft revision was submitted to the Charity Commission, in line with the Commission's guidance and was formally approved in May 2025.

Our policies have been updated and publicised on the Community Centre's web page and will be reviewed annually.

**Achievements in 2024/25**

**Our Organisational Structure and Relationship with Related Parties**

The Charity is managed through an active Committee. Committee meetings continue to be held monthly and are well attended with active participation from all members. We have two new Trustees since April 2024. Two long standing Trustees have stood down after many years of committed committee service and their contributions have made a valuable and significant impact to the Centre's progress to date. The strength and commitment of our committee membership is crucial to the effective management of the Centre for the benefit of the North Petherton community.

We have continued our close working relationship with the Town Council and Friends of North Petherton Library and value these partnerships. Since the last AGM meeting, we have established a closer working relationship with North Petherton Flower Show Committee and the North Petherton Church through individual members from each of these organisations, who are now valued and active representative members of the Community Centre management committee.

### Management of the Community Centre's Infrastructure

The Centre's roof repairs were completed in the summer of 2024 with the help of a successful grant from the HPC Community Fund which was appreciated and with match funding from the Community Centre's funds.

With guidance and advice from Community Council Somerset (CCS) we applied for funding for an Energy Audit as part of the Somerset Decarb Project. This application was successful and the Energy Audit was completed in March 2025. The full report has recently arrived with the Trustees for discussion, consideration and decisions are due to take place at the next Committee meeting in May 2025. The aim will be to match potential efficiency gains and sustainability improvements with affordability.

The Centre's car park serves not only the activities of the Community Centre but the wider Community's use of the Town's businesses. As such, car parking spaces have become increasingly busy with limited availability for key users of the Centre. The Committee is in the process of renewing the guidance on accessibility to the car park, which will be clear and easily visible to all who use the car park. Communication of the rationale for and the process of renewal of this guidance will be managed carefully and sensitively.

### Community Centre Activities

The Community Centre activities for 2024/2025 have made considerable progress in meeting our vision which is:

to place the North Petherton Community Centre at the heart of the community, providing a sustainable, and accessible space that is valued and supported by the people of our town.

and our mission which is:

to promote, enable and facilitate inclusive activities, which embrace and address the education, social, cultural and recreational needs of the North Petherton Communities.

The committee continues to monitor all requests for use of the Centre against these principles.

The Centre hosts a wide variety of activities for all ages, interests and services and the Trustees welcome any further ideas and suggestions from individuals within the local community.

The Produce and Makers Market at the Community Centre which takes place on the third Sunday every month is now established and is proving popular with the local



community.

After much consideration and in line with our stated values, the Committee agreed to host the North Petherton Community Larder, which was formally launched in February 2025. The North Petherton Community Larder (NPCL) aims to reduce food waste by providing a space available to all members of the local community to collect and share surplus fresh and non-perishable food. It is working well and we encourage everyone to use it.

In partnership with the North Petherton Town Council, we arranged for the North Petherton Youth Club to move from their location in the Church Rooms at North Petherton to the Main Hall at the Community Centre January 2025. The Youth Club now meets every Tuesday evening, under the supervision of a qualified and experienced Youth Worker. The Youth Club is managed by the Town Council and the Committee will have a regular update from the Council on progress.

The decision to provide a regular pattern of film shows has proved to be successful, with a balanced mix of adult and family focused films. The showing of the family films Wonka and The Polar Express were particularly successful and further family focused films are planned during the year.

#### In Summary

It has been a busy, satisfying and rewarding year for the North Petherton Community Centre Committee and we will continue our intentions and ambitions to further develop the achievements and work of past and present committee members. So, we will continue to be bold, imaginative and ambitious in our efforts to build on the amazing work that has happened at the Centre in previous years.

The Charity's financial details will be submitted to the Charity Commission separately.

Dr Rosalynd Jowett

Chair and Trustee North Petherton Community Centre Management Committee

May 2025

**NORTH PETHERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2024**



**Charity number - 291048**



**NORTH PETHERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of North Petherton Community Centre.**

My report on the income and expenditure account of North Petherton Community Centre for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The management committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for this period 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 general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the committee 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 the committee 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:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- 1) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act: and
- 2) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,
- have not been met.

Signed

*Bev Wiltshire*

Mrs B Wiltshire (FCCA)

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**NORTH PETHERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Grants received		10,000		950
Other income		38,830		36,633
Interest received		<u>1,289</u>		<u>745</u>
		50,119		38,328
<b>Expenses</b>				
Cleaner etc		6,544		5,712
Caretaker costs		2,049		1,908
Maintenance (note 1)		2,030		3,812
Insurance		1,701		1,694
Water rates		821		561
Light and heat		2,981		1,767
Performing rights		657		310
Film night		1607		1,006
Mission statement		300		-
Licence fee		180		180
Stationery, mobile		396		949
Premises update (note 2)		28,566		14,272
Software costs		280		-
Other expenses		575		323
Deposits/hire refunds		780		100
Independent examination		<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u><u>552</u></u>		<u><u>5,634</u></u>



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
	£	£	£	£
Other Income				
Guides and Brownies	1,370		1,155	
Bowls	3,171		2,761	
Dance and exercise	5,631		5,350	
Small hall hire	12,480		12,480	
Pre school	1,078		770	
Private parties	7,251		7,485	
Meetings	2,464		2,627	
Textile bank	579		542	
Public loos	-		-	
Blood donors	473		517	
Film night	2,203		970	
Flower show	240		200	
NP Carnival	268		268	
Other	1,622		1,508	
		<u>38,830</u>		<u>36,633</u>

**NORTH PETHERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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Note 1 – Maintenance

Somerset Gas	595
Three ways fire prevention	202
General repairs and maintenance	1,233
	<u>2,030</u>
	<u>=====</u>

Note 2 – Premises update

Roof repairs	26,400
Chairs	450
CCTV	1,716
	<u>28,566</u>
	<u>=====</u>

**BANK RECONCILIATION ETC**

Bank reconciliation

£

£

Balance as per statement

£5,362.20



**NORTH PETHERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Summary of funds held at Lloyds Bank for the year**

	£
Balance as at 1 January 2024	4,701.37
Add banking's during year	121,541.92
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	126,243.29
Less bacs payments and direct debits	120,881.09
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Funds as at 31 December 2024	5,362.20
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**Summary of funds held in Deposit account**

Balance as at 1 January 2024	44,464.18
Interest received during year	587.01
Transfers from, less to the current account	(1,400.00)
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Funds as at 31 December 2024	43,651.19
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**Summary of funds held in Fixed Rate accounts**

Funds as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	22,347.54
Interest received during year	701.83
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Funds as at 31 December 2024	23,049.37
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

North Petherton Community Centre

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

291048

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

*B Wiltshire*

**Date:**

12/03/2025

**Name:**

Bev Wiltshire

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.