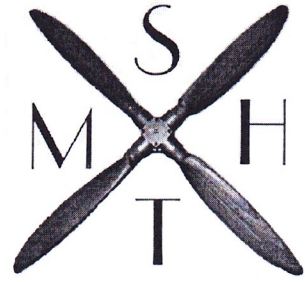


SMHT – 2025 Chair Review



Overview

Another very successful year, hall users, hirers, attendances to functions, discounts to other charities maintained and a successful May fayre.

Completion of the hall extension & refurbishment of the original hall ground floor.

The extension has expanded our hire spaces including 3 micro offices, hot desk area and 2 more activity rooms. Income has increased far more than our expectations, confirming that we did the right thing expanding the hall. The future looks very rosy as last years activities have

Financial

NB The figures in this report are rounded, for detail see the full accounts

Trading / core activities ie stripped out any capex either way

Income £220k – expenses (£239k – 144k project expenses) £95k = **£125k**
surplus on activities

Cash in Bank

31st Dec 24 = £52k

31st Dec 25 = £22k

Capital spend £144 k

Outstanding loan of £25k, a £6k payment is due each June until and inc 2029

The vast majority of capital money has been spent on the extension and refurbishment project, which also includes an upgrade to the cinema system.

We believe the balance of income streams is nicely spread; we are quite resilient to one of these becoming less buoyant at any time

Regular Hirers

Occasional Hirers

Forever active programme

Office hires

Educational home study hires is a new but growing area.

Event Management and subsequent bar takings

Occupancy rate

Over 80% including the new spaces

Events in the hall

We ran all our regular events to support the community, music, cinema etc.

Children's Parties

We continue to be a magnet for children parties, these contribute greatly to the halls finances

Forever activity programme

We have run these activities for over 10 years now, these are great community services but they also add a good income stream

May Fayre

The May fayre was very successful, we are planning to continue the event for 2026, this is an ad hoc arrangement reviewed each year. It is an event that we do not raise money for ourselves it is purely for the benefit of other charities and associations and the residents in the town.

Centre Manager

This role was created and filled sept 2024 to help with the expanded facility, it is proving very successful and has reduced the amount of work carried out by volunteers

Future

Now that the expansion is complete, consolidation of our financial position by building back our reserves is planned for the next two years, with minor works and improvements continuing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Lee', with a horizontal line underneath.

Chair SMHT Peter Lee

COMPANY NUMBER:
302465

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

DONGWORTH LTD
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
LOWLANDS
3 SOUTHBROOK
SAWBRIDGEWORTH
HERTFORDSHIRE
CM21 9NS

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
TO THE CHAIRMAN
ON THE ACCOUNTS OF
SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

We have compiled these financial statements from the accounting records and information supplied to us.

Dongworth Limited

Dated: 23 April 2026

Dongworth Limited
Chartered Accountants
Lowlands
3 Southbrook
Sawbridgeworth
Hertfordshire
CM21 9NS

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Gross income		220,103	249,365
Administrative expenses		(238,660)	(437,048)
Operating Loss		(18,557)	(187,683)
Interest received		228	1,680
Deficit on activities		(18,329)	(186,003)

COMPANY NUMBER: 302465

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	1	1,213	2,425
Current assets			
Debtors	2	3,801	2,999
Cash at bank and in hand		29,440	52,027
		<u>33,241</u>	<u>55,026</u>
Creditors			
Amounts due within one year	3	(26,401)	(31,069)
Net current assets		<u>6,840</u>	<u>23,957</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,053</u>	<u>26,382</u>
Net assets		<u>£ 8,053</u>	<u>£ 26,382</u>
Funds of Charity			
Unrestricted funds	4	<u>£ 8,053</u>	<u>£ 26,382</u>

Peter Lee
P Lee

24/4/26
Dated

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1	Tangible fixed assets		
			Fixtures and Fittings £
	Cost:		
	At 1 January 2025		24,848
	At 31 December 2025		24,848
	Depreciation:		
	At 1 January 2025		23,029
	Charge for the year		606
	At 31 December 2025		23,635
	Net book value:		
	At 31 December 2025		£ 1,213
	At 31 December 2024		£ 2,425
2.	Debtors		
		2025	2024
		£	£
	Due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	3,801	2,999

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

3. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	26,292	30,960
Taxation and social security	109	109
	<u>£ 26,401</u>	<u>£ 31,069</u>

4 Funds of Charity

	2025 £
At 1 January 2025	26,382
Deficit for the year	(18,329)
At 31 December 2025	<u>£ 8,053</u>

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST
DETAILED TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross income		
Income	220,103	249,365
Interest receivable	228	1,680
	<u>220,331</u>	<u>251,045</u>
Overheads		
Light, heat and water	5,095	3,320
Telephone	170	168
Stationery	480	472
Cleaning costs	12,718	9,899
Repairs	6,151	12,308
Waste disposal	2,151	3,096
Salaries	18,200	7,602
Accountancy fees	960	960
Licences	465	972
Insurance	3,918	3,671
Miscellaneous	3,200	7,381
Depreciation	0	808
Bar Costs	8,168	10,885
Donations	-	2,080
IT and computing costs	1,147	1,228
Event costs	32,391	15,384
Energy project costs	143,446	355,226
Sound equipment costs	-	1,588
	<u>238,660</u>	<u>437,048</u>
Loss on ordinary activities	<u><u>£ (18,329)</u></u>	<u><u>£(186,003)</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

SAWBRIDGEWORTH MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 - 12 - 25

Charity no
(if any)

302465

Set out on pages

1 - 2

(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 / 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

F. P. DONGWORTH F.C.A.

Date:

27/04/2026

Name:

F. P. DONGWORTH

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

F.C.A.

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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