

WHALEY BRIDGE MECHANICS INSTITUTE

Registered Charity No. 520533. Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge,
High Peak, SK23 7AA

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Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Whaley Bridge Town Council, as a corporate body, is the Trustee of the Mechanics Institution, which is a Charity registered in England No 520533 providing community facilities. The Secretary to the Trustee is Mr Andrew Fox.

The Trustee met on 15th January 2026 to approve the Report and Accounts. The accounts have been audited and approved by Leathley & Co Accountants, independent accountants of Market Street, Whaley Bridge. The signed minutes of the Trustee meetings are kept in a separate file and are available for public inspection when requested, along with the annual report and accounts.

The Mechanics Institute was built in 1876 for the benefit of the community and now provides a large hall, a meeting room and reading room which are available for hire at competitive rates.

Income and Expenditure

The total income for the year was £30,254, an increase of £4,113 on the previous year. We have managed to significantly increase the revenue taken for this year. Despite this we do see a large drop in the amount of money raised from Coffee mornings with £91 compared to the £734 made last year. The regular bookings have seen a large increase which equates for much of the increase in revenue. The rent for the Council's use of the building including the office is still a vital income for the charity.

Local organisations use the facilities for Coffee mornings and other fund-raising events.

The Darby and Joan Club, Horwich End WI and Citizens Advice Bureau met throughout this year providing income under concessionary use.

Derbyshire County Council pays rent for the basement together with an annual service charge to provide Library Services to the Town. This library charge and use of the building by the Town Council were again a very reliable source of income over the financial year.

The total expenditure for the year was £24,253 a big decrease on the previous year mainly due to the new boiler installed at the Mechanics which was £8,240. We can already see a significant effect with the gas bills decreasing. The repairs and maintenance spend of £933 compared to last year's £3,173 is very low with no major expenses. The salaries have decreased as the previous year's account contained an additional salary payment which was reflected as it is a receipts and payment account. The price of gas is still a major financial pressure on the Charity however, this year £6,346 was spent on gas and electric compared to £9,711 last year. This is a big saving mainly thanks to a cheaper gas rate and a much more efficient boiler. This has led to a profit for the year of £6,001, which is a very welcome profit after a significant deficit in the previous financial year. We have the upcoming Mechanics Accessibility works which will mean a serious reduction in income but after this work is completed it is anticipated that the Mechanics can start to replenish the reserves which are now quite low.

Secretary to the Trustee

The secretary to the Trustee, Andrew Fox, is available on weekday mornings between 10.00am and 12.00pm to take bookings, answer queries and provide information.

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Chair of the Trustee

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Secretary to the Trustee

**WHALEY BRIDGE MECHANICS INSTITUTION
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Whaley Bridge Mechanics Institution
Business Details
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Proprietor

The Mechanics Institute

Accountants

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AAT Member in Practice
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**Whaley Bridge Mechanics Institution
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHALEY BRIDGE MECHANICS INSTITUTION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

It is my responsibility to:

- (a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- (b) 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
- (c) 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 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 the 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 statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

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Whaley Bridge Mechanics Institution
Profit and Loss Account
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Clerks office		5,720		4,333
Coffee mornings		91		734
Concessionary use		2,575		2,076
Council meetings		1,022		941
Library rent and service charges		5,926		6,072
Miscellaneous and other bookings		53		-
Regular bookings		14,484		11,374
		<u>29,871</u>		<u>25,530</u>
Other Income				
Bank interest receivable		383		611
		<u>30,254</u>		<u>26,141</u>
Expenditure				
General wages	15,036		21,284	
Rates	110		105	
Light and heat	6,346		9,711	
Water rates	748		673	
Cleaning	394		338	
Boiler replacement	-		8,240	
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	-		143	
Repairs and renewals	933		3,173	
Advertising and marketing costs	96		94	
Professional fees	-		419	
Bank charges	71		72	
Sundry expenses	-		86	
Trade refuse	519		503	
		<u>24,253</u>		<u>44,841</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>6,001</u>		<u>(18,700)</u>

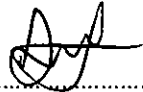
Whaley Bridge Mechanics Institution
Balance Sheet
As At 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		25,161		19,160	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			25,161		19,160
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			25,161		19,160
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES			6,500		6,500
NET ASSETS			18,661		12,660
CAPITAL ACCOUNT					
Balance at 1 April 2024			12,660		31,360
Profit/(Loss) for the period/year			6,001		(18,700)
Balance Carried Forward			18,661		12,660

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 31st March 2025 and reflects its Income and Expenditure during the year.

Signed: 
Chairman

Date: 15/1/2026

Signed:
Responsible
Financial
Officer 

Date: 15/1/2026