Hutton Henry & District Community Association

2026 AGM – Chair's Report

Hello everyone and thank you for joining us for our AGM this evening. I hope to summarise our activities from the past year and to give you an idea of what's to come over the next few months

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Before any of that however, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers and to my fellow trustees for the time and effort they dedicate to the smooth running of the hall and the events that we put on. We are truly blessed to have volunteers with the skills and enthusiasm to keep this unique space available for use by the community. Having said that, we would always welcome new volunteers so if you know of anyone with some time to spare please point them in our direction.

This year we, the HHCA, have organised our usual series of events such as the highly successful monthly coffee mornings, band nights, wreath making, Ladies Day etc and we intend to continue with them into the future in support of the running costs associated with the hall. One new entertainment idea, which proved very popular, was the introduction of the 1920's themed Murder Mystery Night. Thanks must go to Hazel for arranging for the Greatham Players to come and perform for us that evening. We hope to welcome them back later in the year with a different production and to visit them in pantomime in January. We also decided to continue the great work started by Helen Knight and took over the coordination of the Charity Drive earlier this year. We successfully collected huge piles of

donations on behalf of many local charities. Unfortunately not everything has had such a positive outcome. For the last couple of years we have tried to engage more with the younger members of our community. Disappointingly we did not increase the number of people attending our Family Fun Nights last year despite keeping the costs to a minimum, so unfortunately we have had to make the decision not to continue with them, although hopefully we can arrange something for the children at Halloween.

In addition to the activities that we have organised ourselves, the hall continues to be available for hire to members of our community for their celebration of life events. We have been here for Christening, child and milestone birthday parties, a wedding reception and for funeral wakes. We have also seen commercial hires e.g. for training events .Thank you to everyone who has used the hall over the past year.

There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make all these activities possible. The trustees have been working on a 3 year business plan that encompasses everything from Good Governance to Fundraising. It is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure we keep on track with our development plan and to take into account any changes brought in by the Charity Commission. As part of this piece of work we have been asking our residents and attendees at our events, how they find out about events in the hall plus we have asked for suggestions for any new activities that we can put on. I hope that you completed one of our survey forms to have your say.

Another action is that the trustees, and one or two volunteers, have participated in various training courses including First Aid, Fire Safety and Food Hygiene. Our Secretary, Pauline has also completed a 2 hour online course entitled Completing a Funding Application: Bring Your Project to Life, in anticipation of

some of the larger projects we are looking to fund going forward. Just as an aside, you may not be aware but we were unsuccessful in our bid for a grant towards our heating costs this winter because we were deemed to have had too much money in our bank account even though a lot of it was ring-fenced for our social sections, the defibrillator and for anticipated work to the roof. Many smaller grants are available if applying for equipment etc but not for what are seen as running costs. We all know that this is an old building with very little insulation, and a large space to heat. It's no good replacing the heaters with more efficient ones if the heat is just going to escape so, as utility bills continue to escalate, we decided to commission an architect and a quantity surveyor to provide us with a comprehensive report on the roof and windows. Based on the architects report the quantity surveyor estimated a cost of over £200,000 to carry out replacement and insulation work which would meet current building regulations. However, we won't know exactly how much until the job goes out to tender. Pauline's course will hopefully prove invaluable when it comes to approaching various bodies for funding.

On a different subject, one of the recommendations from the Charity Commission is that officers of charities should serve no more than three terms of three years each so we will have to plan for this in the future as well.

Finally the last item to tell you about is our move to hopefully provide the hall with WiFi. Thanks to Frances from the Parish council we have had discussions with Digital Durham about bringing WiFi into the hall and we have looked at the courses etc that this may allow us to run, in addition to making it easier for visitors to the hall. We have decided not to go with Digital Durham's suggestions at this moment in time due to future running costs however we will be providing WiFi through other equipment in the near future so please watch out for an update on this.

Thank you very much for your attention and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events in the near future.

Andrea Peterken

Chair

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Financial Statement 1st January - 31st December 2025

Date	Expenditure	Income	Notes	Ref
10.1.25	£20.00		Durham County Council - Licence	
10.1.25	£102.01		Xmas Decorations - M.Dale	
14.1.25	£211.71		DD Octopus Energy	
14.1.25	£30.60		Fasthost - CLSW	
14.1.25	£750.00		DD Octopus Energy	
20.1.25		£885.00	Banked Funds - Bowls Group & Ladies Club	
22.1.25		£120.00	Past Office - Banked Cheque	
04.2.25		£86.54	HH School - Hall Hire	
10.3.25	£1,179.78		DD Octopus Energy	
10.3.25	£240.00		Website Management - M.Wilson	
10.3.25	£137.33		Spring Clean Equipment - CLSW	
10.3.25	£20.40		Fasthost - CLSW	
1.4.25		£45.00	Hall Hire - Birthday party	
8.4.25	£42.43		Wave Water Company	
8.4.25	£462.69		Zurich Insurance Policy	
8.4.25	£30.60		Fasthost - CLSW	
8.4.25	£211.00		Spring Clean Equipment - CLSW	
8.4.25	£1,998.39		DD Octopus Energy	
15.4.25	£120.00		Disco Hire - Prince - Family Fun Night	
16.4.25		£24.00	Family Fun Night	
28.4.25		£520.25	Scarecrow Comp Grant	
29.4.25	£64.00		PNET - PAT Testing	
29.4.25	£100.00		Cheque 100052 - HMRC	
1.5.25		£1,770.00	Banked Funds - Bowls Group, Coffee Morning, Band Night & Disco	
7.5.25		£10.00	Jen Arts - Stall Hire	
8.5.25		£20.00	C Wingrove - Stall Hire	
8.5.25		£15.00	Cairns - Stall Hire	
8.5.25		£15.00	Cooper - Stall Hire	
16.5.25		£85.00	Hall Hire - Funeral	
20.5.25	£224.14		DD Octopus Energy	
20.5.25	£100.00		Cheque 100054 - HMRC	
5.6.25		£200.00	Rebate - HMRC	
6.6.25	£308.75		MOCHA Chocolate - Ladies Day	
13.6.25	£535.50		DD Octopus Energy	
13.6.25		£270.00	Ladies Day Tickets	
27.6.25		£250.00	DCC - Hall Hire - Elections	
30.6.25		£985.00	Banked Funds - Ladies Day, Coffee Mornings & Hall Hire	
30.6.25	£50.00		Bowls Equipment - H.Gilbert	
30.6.25	£40.80		Fasthost - CLSW	
30.6.25	£205.80		Churches Fire Safety - Fire Check	
11.7.25	£104.47		Wave Water Company	
15.7.25	£17.14		DD Octopus Energy	
17.7.25		£80.00	Hall Hire - Antiques Collection	
28.7.25	£228.42		Storage Boxes / Zappers - CLSW	
31.7.25		£140.00	Hall Hire - Holdsworth	
13.8.25		£45.00	Hall Hire - Granville	
20.8.25	£170.40		PPL PRL Music Licence	
1.9.25		£35.00	Hall Hire - Holdsworth	
16.9.25	£65.28		DD Octopus Energy	
16.9.25	£120.00		Disco Hire - Prince - Family Fun Night	
25.9.25		£17.00	Family Fun Night	
29.9.25		£35.00	Family Fun Night	
30.9.25		£100.00	Hall Hire Deposit - Dale	
6.10.25	£28.59		Wave Water Company	
6.10.25	£42.58		Mystery Night Sundries - H.Gilbert	
6.10.25	£169.24		Fasthost - CLSW	
6.10.25		£1,920.00	Banked Funds - Coffee Mornings, Bowls Group & Band Night	
14.10.25		£20.00	Night Market - Wallace	
14.10.25		£20.00	Night Market - Eden	
14.10.25		£20.00	Night Market - Bee to Bean	
15.10.25		£20.00	Night Market -Wellbeing	
17.10.25		£100.00	Hall Hire - Williams	
20.10.25		£120.00	Hall Hire - Antiques Collection	
30.10.25		£15.00	Xmas Stall - Gray	
3.11.25		£20.00	Xmas Stall - Baker	
6.11.25	£285.00		Herald Printing Costs - CLSW	
6.11.25	£280.80		Highspeed Training - Volunteers	
14.11.25	£281.79		DD Octopus Energy	
2.12.25	£143.59		Xmas Decorations - M.Dale	
2.12.25	£20.40		Fasthost - CLSW	
2.12.25		£180.00	Xmas Wreath Making	
10.12.25	£599.44		DD Octopus Energy	
15.12.25	£120.00		Disco Hire - Prince - Family Fun Night	
23.12.25	£79.01		Wave Water Company	
23.12.25	£150.00		EDMG - Peterlee	
29.12.25		£65.00	Family Fun Night	
31.12.25		£1,155.00	Banked Funds - Bowls Group, Coffee Morning & Xmas Events	
Total	£10,092.08	£9,407.79		

Income Breakdown	
Grants	£520.25
Donations	£85.00
Community Events	£8,802.54
	£9,407.79
Expenditure Breakdown	
Hall Improvements	£626.75
Operating Costs	£9,465.33
	£10,092.08

Account Status

A/C Balance brough forward from 31st Dec 2024		£16,174.20	
Total Outgoings Financial Year 2025		£10,092.08	
Total Income during Financial Year 2025		£9,407.79	£0.00
Account Balance at End of Dec 2025		**£15,489.91**	
	Bank Statement Dec £15,489.91		
		Total Funds	**£15,551.38**

Petty Cash **£61.47**