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The directors of the company present this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2026.

Legal and Administrative Information

Directors

Alison Gentle
Edward Peter Ellis
Elizabeth Mary Ellis
Sally Ann Gale
Maureen Maddren
Jennifer Hogg
Laura Valentine
Jean Bernadette Gibney

Company Secretary Jean Bernadette Gibney

Registered Office

Old Town Hall, High Street, Baldock, Herts SG7 6AX

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Company for Companies Act purposes, present this report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2026.

The Trustees shown below acted during the year ended 31 May 2026.

Alison Gentle
Edward Peter Ellis
Elizabeth Mary Ellis
Sally Ann Gale
Brendan Francis King
Maureen Maddren
Jennifer Hogg
Laura Valentine
Jean Bernadette Gibney

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The objectives of the Charity are primarily the preserving and maintenance of the Old Town Hall, Baldock, for use as an Arts and Heritage Centre, encompassing its use as a public hall for the cultural and communal benefit of the town of Baldock and its environs. On the wider front, it is supplying encouragement, promotional impetus and participation in the Arts generally.

The Trustees (who are directors of the Company for Companies Act purposes) are elected by the Company's members at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees have the power to appoint to fill casual vacancies and can nominate others to serve.

Trustees are given an in-depth introduction to the Organisation and the role of Trustees through meetings with other Trustees and are encouraged to absorb details of minutes of meetings relevant to the Charity's activities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Signature A Gentle

Alison Gentle Date: 14th September 2026

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Chair's Report for year ended 31st May 2026

Baldock Arts & Heritage Centre
Chairs Report 2025/2026

We have had another successful year, even after a relatively slow start during the summer of 2025.

The Gallery space has been used by more local artists this year, as we had to reduce the number of weeks for each exhibition, in order to accommodate everyone. We have had some fabulous comments from visitors and many come regularly to support these talented people.

The museum refurbishment is going extremely well, too, with new cabinets and refurbished areas. There are still some cabinets to set up, but it is really taking shape and visitors have responded well, with footfall for the museum increasing. Ted Ellis has produced some brilliant interactive audio-visual screens to compliment those already in place and Brendan King (Curator) has worked on the cabinet content, as well as refurbishing some areas.

We have had another very successful drama production, a variety of live music events, history talks and children's shows, as well as our *NT Live, Cinema Live* Productions and *Exhibition on Screen* regular screenings in our Theatre Space. We still run our monthly cinema club, too.

The theatre space is also used by more regular hirers, with a new yoga and art groups regularly using the space, as well as various art and craft workshops, so a really versatile space used to great potential.

Our main aim and objective is ongoing maintenance and refurbishment of the building. Thanks to a grant from North Herts Council we were able to ensure that every light in the building has been converted to LED. This is to become more energy efficient and sustainable, but also to reduce our monthly outgoings. Unfortunately, we have a building that is too hot in Summer and too cold in winter. To offset this our utility bills are quite high, but our events and hiring's do cover these costs and we are able to use the building all year round.

As always, the day to day running of the whole building, gallery opening times, event planning and management, booking enquiries, processes, policies, risk assessments and account management are all carried out by our wonderful team of volunteers. Without whom we would not be able to run the centre, so a huge thank you to all volunteers involved.

We are currently reviewing the feasibility of having a lift installed in our entrance foyer, to allow access for all and this is going to be our main project goal for the coming year.

Thanks again to all involved.

Alison Gentle
Chairperson
Baldock Arts & Heritage Centre

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Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31 May 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		£	£
Turnover	1	25,839	28,034
Cost of Sales		-3,059	-2,738
Gross Profit (Loss)		22,780	25,296
Administrative Expenses		-17,302	-16,287
Other Operating Income			
Other Operating Costs			
Operating Profit (Loss)	2	5,478	9,009
Profit (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		5,478	9,009
Less Sinking Fund transfer	3	-2,000	-2,000
Net Profit (deficit) to Balance Sheet		4,697	7,268

The notes form part of these financial accounts

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 May 2026

		2026	2025
Fixed Assets			
Fixed assets		0	0
Total fixed assets		0	0
Current Assets			
Debtors		0	0
Stocks		900	1,054
Cash at bank and in hand		91,872	84,756
Total Current Assets		92,772	85,810
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within a year	4	2,537	2,330
Amounts falling due after more than one year		0	0
Net current assets		90,235	83,480
Total assets less current liabilities		90,235	83,480
Capital and Reserves			
Profit and Loss account B/F		59,337	52,069
Current Year profit		4,697	7,268
Profit and Loss account C/F		64,034	59,337
Restricted Funds		1,201	1,143
Sinking Fund		25,000	23,000
Total		90,235	83,480

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The Directors are satisfied that the Company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

i ensuring that the Company keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 389 of the Act and

ii preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Act and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

These financial statements were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:

Name ..... Date 14th September 2026

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, funding received from donations and subscriptions and income from various fund raising events during the year.

In respect of long term contracts and contracts for ongoing services, turnover represents the value of work actually carried out in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced. Turnover in respect of long term contracts and contracts for ongoing services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion reached at the year end date.

Assets and Depreciation

Assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over 3 years.

Grants Received

All grants awarded for specific purposes are accounted for in the Balance Sheet. Other (general) grants and donations are treated as Income.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

2. Operating Profit

No charges for Directors' remuneration have been set in arriving at the operating profit.

3. Sinking Fund

This fund is held in reserve for an occurrence which adversely interrupts our sources of income or necessitates a major item of expenditure.

4. Creditors

Gallery and other sales to be paid to artists and others.

5. Related Party Transactions

No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as required to be disclosed under the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities (FRSSE).

6. Company Limited by Guarantee

Every member of the Company agrees to contribute such an amount as may be required, not exceeding £1, to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment for the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of Baldock Town Hall Limited (Registered Charity 1155229, Company Registration England and Wales 07649300) on the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2026 as set out in its Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of 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)
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination incudes 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 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do 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.

Signed: B V Date: 9.9.26.

Name: BRIAN BURKE. FCA.

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