Summary

This year, we continued to deliver our programme of annual events, including our Summer Fayre, which was once again a great success in reaching new audiences and generating new regular bookings. Our Halloween event sold out faster than ever, and we introduced a new format for our Easter event by incorporating the village Easter Egg Hunt, helping to strengthen community engagement.

Our Monday Bingo and Wednesday Lunch Club continue to be popular with the local community, although the Lunch Club has moved to a fortnightly schedule to accommodate work commitments. Looking ahead, we hope to recruit additional volunteers who can help expand the service and support its continued delivery.

Although private room hire bookings remain below pre-Covid levels, we have seen an improvement compared with the previous financial year. Preparations are well underway for our 2025 Family Fun Day, and we are exploring ideas for new events that will generate sustainable income in the years ahead.

Over the coming year, we will focus on increasing room hire bookings to help offset rising operating costs. We will also continue to work with local organisations, such as CVABV, to identify and secure grant funding that will contribute towards our core running costs and help address ongoing financial deficits. These efforts will be key to strengthening our financial sustainability and ensuring we can continue to provide valued services and activities for the community.

In the start of July 2024, we had an opening balance of £2,391.61. We had an overall income of £16999.56 from all the activities held at the centre, with an End balance of £615.88.

East Hartford community centre Charity registration number 1160191

Summary of income and expenditure for the financial year 1st July 2023 Income

Bar Sales £3,894.31

Room hire £6,120.00

Food Sales £1973.45

Events £3120.40

Grants £1250

Donations £600

Miscellaneous £341.40

Total Income £16999.56

Expenditure

Bar Stock £2344.71

Prizes £300.00

Food supplies £1288.40

Snacks/confectionary £285.32

Volunteers expenses £480.00

Centre consumables £610.00

Events £3999.10

Bills £4662.56

Cleaning/caretaking £2135.20

Building Maintenance and improvements £2550

Total expenditure = £18775.29

End balance £615.88

Treasurer's Statement

Financial Year: 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

At the beginning of the financial year, on 1 July 2024, the Centre held an opening balance of £2,391.61.

Throughout the year, the Centre generated a total income of **£16,999.56** from a variety of activities and funding sources. The main contributors were room hire (£6,120.00), bar sales (£3,894.31) and events (£3,120.40). Additional income was received through food sales and a grant from the Town Council.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to **£18,775.29**. The largest areas of expenditure were general running costs (£4,662.56), event-related costs (£3,999.10), bar stock (£2,344.71) and cleaning and caretaking (£2,135.20). Other expenditure included food supplies, centre consumables, volunteer expenses, and building maintenance and improvements.

Event-related costs have increased across a number of areas, including insurance, reflecting the rising costs associated with organising and delivering activities. These

expenses, alongside the day-to-day running costs of the building, are essential to ensuring the Centre remains operational and continues to provide a wide range of activities, events and services for the local community.

As a result, the Centre recorded an operating deficit of **£1,775.73** for the financial year, with expenditure exceeding income. This reduced the Centre's funds from the opening balance of £2,391.61 to a closing balance of £615.88 as at 30 June 2025.

The reduction in reserves highlights the financial pressures faced by the Centre, particularly in light of increasing operating costs. Despite these challenges, the Centre continues to generate income through room hire, events and other community activities, demonstrating the ongoing value it provides to the local area.

Looking ahead, securing additional grant funding will be a key priority. Grant funding plays a vital role in supporting the Centre's ongoing operation and ensuring its long-term sustainability. We will be working more closely with local councils, community groups and other organisations to identify funding opportunities, strengthen partnerships and ensure we access all relevant funding for which the Centre is eligible.

Alongside this, we will continue to focus on increasing income through room hire and events, while maintaining careful control of expenditure. These measures will be essential in strengthening the Centre's financial position, rebuilding its reserves and ensuring it can continue to serve the community in the years ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Centre throughout the year, including our volunteers, committee members, hirers, event attendees and the wider community. Your continued support is invaluable to the Centre's future.