Layton Community House

Trustees' Annual Report – 2025

About Us

Layton Community House is a small community charity based in Layton, Blackpool. We provide a safe, welcoming space for local residents who may be struggling with isolation, financial pressures, poor mental health, or simply need somewhere friendly to go. The House Manager, volunteers, and trustees work together to keep the building open, run activities, and support people who rely on us.

What We Aim to Do

Our aim is simple: to make life a little easier and a little brighter for people in our community. We do this by offering groups, activities, practical help, and a place where people feel comfortable and included.

Highlights of 2025

2025 was a busy and positive year for Layton Community House, with more visitors coming through the door and lots of new things happening.

Community Events

- We celebrated **VE Day in May**, bringing people together for a friendly and relaxed event.
- In **August**, we held a barbecue to support the adult social care drop-in sessions.
- December saw our **third annual Christmas meal** at a local pub, which was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by staff, volunteers, and guests.

Awards and Recognition

One of our proudest moments was winning **Blackpool in Bloom 2025** in the *Community Support Garden* category. The garden is looked after by volunteers and regular visitors, and the award meant a lot to everyone involved.

Groups and Activities

- We launched **Diamond Art classes** in November, which quickly became popular.
- Our **sewing lessons** continued throughout the year. Funding from the **Co-op** meant we could buy more sewing machines and keep the sessions running.
- Our sewing teacher **Dawn** left in November, and we are very grateful for everything she did.
- **Ranjana** joined us and has taken over the sewing lessons, with **Steven and Barbara** also joining the volunteer team.
- The **Knit and Natter group** had a busy year:

    - They knitted poppies for the Remembrance Sunday display at Layton Cemetery.
    - They also made baby blankets and knitwear to support our Infant Essentials group.

Volunteer Contributions

Our volunteers continue to be the heart of the House.

- **Barbara** created a new window display every month, which always attracted attention from people passing by.
- Volunteers raised **£160** through a Christmas raffle.
- The House Manager worked tirelessly throughout the year and remained completely dedicated to keeping the charity running smoothly.

Improvements to the Building

- A **new garden fence** was installed thanks to funding from the **Nineveh Trust**.
- Essential **floor repairs** were carried out, funded by our local ward councillors. These repairs were important for keeping the building safe and accessible.
- A Damp proof course was installed
- New carpets were fitted after the floor was repaired

Governance

There were some changes this year:

- **Martin Mitchell**, our Chair of Trustees, stepped down in November 2025.
- **Pam Isherwood** took over as Chair.
- **Alfred John Boughton became a trustee in October 2025**

Funding and Support

We are very grateful to all our funders and supporters, including:

- Blackpool Council Household Support Fund
- The Tudor Trust
- The Nineveh Trust
- The Co-op

Their support allowed us to continue running groups, maintain the building, and help local families. We also received a donation from a local shop – Best One – in Sept 25.

Finances

Income from group collections and donations increased this year, reflecting the rise in visitors and community engagement. We continued to manage our funds carefully to make sure the House remains stable and able to support people who need us.

Looking Ahead

We hope to continue growing our activities, welcoming new visitors, and keeping Layton Community House a warm, supportive place for everyone. None of this would be possible without our volunteers, funders, trustees, and the local community.

Accountants report to Layton Community House on the review of the Unaudited Financial Information of Layton Community House

In accordance with your instruction we have reviewed the financial information of Layton Community House which comprises the Profit & Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes from the entity's accounting records and from the information and explanations you have given us for the accounting period 2025.

This report is made solely to you in accordance with your instructions. Our work has been undertaken solely to review for your approval the financial information of Layton Community House and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with standard accountancy practice. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Layton Community House for our report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanation necessary for its compilation.

We have verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us.

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Registered Charity No 1170042

Balance sheet as at 3 31/12/2025

Current Assets	**2025**	**2024**
Cash at Bank	48852.17	45164.06
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
Debtors	90.00	960.00
Preypayments		
Total Assets	**48942.17**	**46124.06**
Accruals		
Creditors	9319.95	11663.13
Total Laibilities	**9319.95**	**11663.13**
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:	**39622.22**	**34460.93**

Capital & Reserves

Profit & Loss as at 31st December 2025	3673.16
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TOTAL FUNDS	**3220.83**

Capital & Reserves

Reserves as per Reserves Policy	19000.00
Unrestricted	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	**22220.83**

Signed Lee Ketch. **(Audited by SGR Accounting Solutions)**

Date 01/06/2026

Signed **(Chairman of LCH Trustees)**

Date 05/06/2026

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Profit and Loss Account

to 31st December 2025

Income	2025
Grants	44065.00
Room Hire	2987.00
Donations/collections from grps	3591.42
Fundraising	
Other & interest on savings	194.79
TOTAL INCOME	**50838.21**

Expenditure	2025
Salary & on costs	28246.87
Insurance	128.99
Telephone	751.12
IT/Laptops/elec equip	355.40
Heat & Light	2156.89
Rates & Water	676.69
Repairs, Renewals & Checks*	934.25
Postage & Stationery*	105.56
Cleaning & Sundries*	0.00
User Involvement Engagement*	812.28
Accountancy	75.00
Services	299.59
Other	34.89
Craft items/group	363.65
Laundrette	0
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Petty Cash	25.57
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