Maidenhead Community Centre Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Introduction

The charity was formed to benefit the residents of Maidenhead and surrounding communities by maintaining and managing a community centre in Maidenhead to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents; and to promote use of the centre as a community facility and resource in Maidenhead and surrounding communities.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity (as set out in its constitution):

To further or benefit the residents of Maidenhead and surrounding communities, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives

The charity maintains and manages a large community centre in Maidenhead at 4 Marlow Road.

The centre is available for community activities such as dance, yoga, painting, martial arts, religious groups, and a visiting chiropodist. It has also been used for charity fund-raising events.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. They consider that the provision of the halls, kitchen and other rooms within the building, to

local organisations and members of the public, fulfils an important public benefit. The level of fees charged is kept at as reasonable level as possible to provide the maximum community benefit and participation among all sectors of the population, while ensuring the long-term viability of the hall is also considered through adequate expenditure on investment and maintenance.

As the only community centre in central Maidenhead, it offers a unique benefit to the community, and especially those of impaired mobility in the high-density central areas who would struggle to travel to an out-of-town centre.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2025, our eighth year of operation, the centre was used by 80 different community groups, organisations and individuals, up from 73 in 2024, including 21 who had not hired the centre the year before. Hire income, our best measure of how much the centre is used, rose by 11%.

Regular users included dance and drama schools, churches and other faith groups, children's music and early years groups, martial arts, fitness, yoga and tai chi classes, cultural groups from Maidenhead's Tamil and Hindu communities, and support groups for carers, men's mental health and recovery from addiction. The building is also home to Citizens Advice, the Number 22 counselling service and Relate, each providing services to local people from the centre.

We also improved the building:

1. Installed 38 solar panels on the roof of the centre, with a 16 kWh battery. Between being switched on in late February and the end of the year they generated 17.7 MWh of electricity, and 23% of the electricity the centre used came from the panels and battery rather than the grid, worth around £4,000 at our current electricity prices. Lower running costs help us keep hire fees affordable for community groups.
2. Laid a new floor in the Wide Room, which is used every week for dance, yoga, Pilates and tai chi.
3. Converted the old reception toilets into two new counselling rooms and supported the reconfiguration of the Number 22 counselling service's rooms, adding to the space available for counselling in the building.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the year was £125,552, of which £115,430 was hire income (2024: £104,028) and £9,000 was contributions from the other occupiers of the building towards utility costs (2024: £8,150). Operating expenses were £86,006, mostly utility costs and repairs and maintenance. The charity also invested £68,010 in capital projects, principally the solar panels and improvements to the building, funded from cash built up in previous years, leaving £723 in the bank at 31 December 2025.

Reserves Policy

While the charity is run on a not-for-profit basis, we need to retain some funds in case of a sudden or sustained drop in income, so that we can continue to pay for the utility expenses and general upkeep of the centre. The trustees plan to build up reserves until our target of £15,000 is met. The reserves policy will be reviewed and updated by the trustees as required, and at least annually. However, for 2025, we were again prevented

from building up reserves, having chosen to invest the funds built up in previous years in the solar panel project and improvements to the building, in order to improve the long term financial sustainability of the centre. Since the year end the trustees have made rebuilding reserves their first priority.

All of our current reserves of £723 are unrestricted and can be spent at the discretion of the trustees.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was constituted, and registered with the Charity Commission, as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 3rd January 2017.

In accordance with the charity's constitution, the power to appoint new trustees lies with the existing trustees, by means of a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

The charity will be seeking new trustees through an open and fair recruitment process. When formally appointed new trustees will be provided with appropriate induction and training for their role.

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Maidenhead Community Centre
Registered charity number	1170937
Charity's operating address	Maidenhead Community Centre 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HY
Charity's registered office	4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HY

Names of the charity trustees:

Jack Douglas

Simon Chan

Hugh Evans

Russell Jones (appointed 9 April 2026)

Zenith Douglas (resigned 17 March 2026)

Bankers	HSBC, 1 Corn Market, High Wycombe HP11 2AY
Independent Examiner	Alison Julia Gambold, FCCA, CTA, TEP Valley View, Newbury Road, Great Shefford, Hungerford, Berkshire, RG17 7EE

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: .....

Full name: Jack Douglas

Date: 13 October 2026

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Hire: Book our hall for community classes and activities. Our smaller rooms are ideal for small classes or meetings. Please visit our website for availability and prices.

Donations: Donations are gratefully accepted, either via our website or sent to the registered address above.

Volunteers: We are always looking for new volunteers. Everyone has something to give. Please telephone to discuss the opportunities available.

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Maidenhead Community Centre	1170937	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1 January 2025	To	31 December 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,920
Rental income	115,430	-	-	115,430	104,028
Utility contributions	9,000	-	-	9,000	8,150
Café sales	1,120	-	-	1,120	-
Interest income	2	-	-	2	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	125,552	-	-	125,552	114,098
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	125,552	-	-	125,552	114,098
A3 Payments					
Café costs of sales	694	-	-	694	98
Café wages	4,397	-	-	4,397	-
Repairs and maintenance	20,140	-	-	20,140	14,346
Gardening	3,217	-	-	3,217	5,684
Light and heating	32,387	-	-	32,387	35,186
Water	2,574	-	-	2,574	3,176
Cleaning and consumables	7,745	-	-	7,745	7,853
Insurance	3,116	-	-	3,116	3,397
Waste disposal	2,178	-	-	2,178	2,971
Telephone and internet	3,416	-	-	3,416	3,553
Printing and stationery	72	-	-	72	165
Parking	738	-	-	738	-
Accountancy and bookkeeping	1,540	-	-	1,540	1,504
Training	97	-	-	97	24
Security	612	-	-	612	-
Sundry expenses	509	-	-	509	541
Donations	750	-	-	750	100
Bounceback loan payments	1,586	-	-	1,586	1,586
Bank charges and interest	238	-	-	238	98
Sub total	86,006	-	-	86,006	80,282
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Kitchen equipment	2,606	-	-	2,606	-
Furniture and fittings	1,345	-	-	1,345	3,000
Computer and other equipment	4,135	-	-	4,135	5,580
Website booking system	9,000	-	-	9,000	-
Leasehold improvements	18,424	-	-	18,424	-
Solar Panels project	32,500	-	-	32,500	6,723
Sub total	68,010	-	-	68,010	15,303
Total payments	154,016	-	-	154,016	95,585
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 28,464	-	-	- 28,464	18,513
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,187	-	-	29,187	10,674
Cash funds this year end	723	-	-	723	29,187

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash at Bank	723	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	723	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Rental income debtors	8,260	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

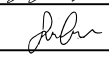
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Kitchen equipment	General Fund	3,697	-
Furniture and fittings	General Fund	10,034	-
Computer and other equipment	General Fund	18,259	-
Solar Panels project	General Fund	39,223	-
Leasehold improvements	General Fund	18,424	-
Website booking system	General Fund	9,000	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Expenses due for December 2025	General Fund	6,204	
Bounce back loan	General Fund	1,952	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JACK DOUGLAS	13 Oct 2026
	SIMON CHAN	13 Oct 2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	**Maidenhead Community Centre**		
On accounts for the period ended	**31 December 2025**	**Charity no**	**1170937**
Set out on pages	**6 - 7**		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records
- the accounts did 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	A J Gambold	**Date:**	28/09/2026
Name:	ALISON JULIA GAMBOLD		
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