Chair’s Report 2025
Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre

The past year has been one of significant change and progress for the Centre which we are pleased to have contributed to. The headline is of course the new Cinema and cafe area. The major focus for the Friends, in addition, was a major Socio-Economic benefits study.

This key achievement started with a successful application for Shared Prosperity Funding (SPF), which enabled the commissioning of the socio-economic study. This will help inform the Centre’s future planning and development. We then worked in a genuine partnership with NPTCBC senior officers and the appointed consultants. Express thanks are due to our Committee members who led on this and spent a lot of time making sure it was delivered. The final report was widely reported and applauded this January.

We have played an active role in supporting improvements to the building, including contributing to the development of the second bar, now known as the “Friends Bar”.

The underpass regeneration project has been completed successfully by Fresh Creative, funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund. This project has transformed a previously neglected space into a vibrant community asset. Thanks to Kathleen, our Treasurer, for getting this done. It was great to read positive comments about things happening in Pontardawe.

Throughout the year, we have maintained a visible presence in the community. This included participation in the Heart of the Valley event in September alongside the Film Club, as well as ongoing involvement with Neath Port Talbot (NPT) heritage networks.

Membership has remained strong and stable, reflecting the continued support and engagement of our community. We have continued to provide added value to our members through ticket offers for selected shows and have supported a range of fundraising activities, including a well-attended music event featuring Stringfellows.

In October, we were proud to contribute to Black History Week, working with renowned artist Kizzy Crawford to deliver an engaging and inclusive programme of events.

There was a debate in the Senedd this year about the importance of arts. Sioned Williams AS used us (well if I may say so) and the Arts Centre as evidence of the positive contribution arts makes to our community.

I'd like to thank all the Committee members for their time and contribution and to our Members for their ongoing support. We'll be continuing to work hard to support the Arts Centre: the financial climate makes our work even more worthwhile.

I think it's worth including comments from the NPT Team about us on Social Media: "On National Volunteering Recognition Day, we extend our sincere thanks to the Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre. Their continued dedication has been instrumental in strengthening and supporting the Centre over many years. 1

Their contributions this year include:

- Building a membership of over 100 individuals and raising significant funds through community events
- Securing approximately £35,000 in grant funding
- Supporting a wide range of cultural, educational and wellbeing activities
- Funding essential theatre and building equipment
- Delivering the underpass redesign project with the involvement of over 100 young people
- Providing grants to local groups, including youth clubs, the Young DJs Club and Future Blood
- Supporting Black History celebrations and other inclusive community events
- Leading a socio-economic survey to support long-term planning for the Centre"

Conclusion

Overall, this has been a highly productive and impactful year. The Friends organisation continues to play a vital role in supporting Pontardawe Arts Centre, both financially and through community engagement.

We look forward to building on these achievements in the coming year and continuing to support the Centre as it develops and grows.

Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre

Financial Statements

Accounting Period
1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre

2025

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Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre
Receipts and Payments Account
For the year ended 31/12/2025

	2025	
	£	£
Receipts		
Grants received	12.836.00	
Membership fees	1,022.00	
Fundraising	5058.00	
Donations	2000.00	
Stringfellows received in error	-2431.28	
		18,484.72
Payments		
Fundraising events, bands, D.J.	1171.00	
Donations and grants	32,243.00	
Advertising, t shirts and logo	20.00	
		33,434.00
Receipts minus payments		(14,949.28)

Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the year ended 31/12/2025

	2025	
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Investment-Shares	1.00	
Current assets		
Bank balance	13,255.00	
		13,256.00
Current liabilities		
Stringfellows amount owing		2431.28
Total assets minus total liabilities		10,824.72
Capital and Reserves		
Excess receipts over payments	(14,949.28)	
Balance of charity funds B/Fwd.	25,774.00	
		10,824.72

Signed on behalf of the trustees
Kathleen Davies

1st October 2026

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Friends of Pontardawe Arts Centre is an incorporated charity, registered in England and Wales.

2. The financial statements have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities, and there were no material departures from that standard.

3. The receipts, stated in sterling (GBP), represent funds raised in fundraising events, donations received, and income from a donated shares investment.

4. The payments, stated in sterling (GBP), represent grants to beneficiaries and costs of fundraising. There are no paid employees of the charity.

5. The shares investment is an non-redeemable investment in a wind-farm.

6. The reserves balance is amount brought forward from the previous year and the excess of receipts over payments for 2025. All net income is used for charitable purposes.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees
Kathleen Davies

Approved by the Board on

1st October 2026