Woodchurch Village Life Museum

Chairs' Annual Report May 2025

Of greatest importance to acknowledge in our report this year, is the death of our founder Geoff Loynes at the end of 2024, at the age of 90. I'm enormously pleased that so many have come this evening to share memories. More about Geoff soon.

Thanks to Gary for submitting a bid to AIM, the Association of Independent museums, at the beginning of the year we gained a visit and report from an Arts Council accredited assessor.

To quote from the assessor's report 'the collections care audit scheme exists to help small independent museums develop a more sustainable approach to the conservation and management of their collections through improvements to collections' care within the museum. The grant provided allows the museum to received specialist, tailored advice, from an accredited conservator, about the care of their collections.'

This very recent report has given us plenty to think about, and do, in the coming months, but generally, the committee were pleased that most comments about the condition of our exhibits were that they were good and stable. The full report is on the side table if you are interested.

The Wednesday team continues to meet each week to work on the many jobs that keep the museum open and successful. We are open for seven months of the year thanks to the volunteers who generously offer their time to 'meet and greet.'

New leaflets and two large banners have been produced to hopefully make ourselves more 'visible' and encourage more visitors to what has been described as 'a little gem' and 'quite unique.' The Wheels of Time scheme for primary age children continues to attract families as we hope this summer's Mad Hatter's tea party and Saturday barbecues, will also do.

Our change from an unincorporated charity, Woodchurch Museum Trust, to a CIO (Community Interest Organisation), Woodchurch Heritage Trust, is almost complete. This relieves the trustees from personal financial liability. For the last two years we have been reporting to the Charities Commission as Woodchurch Heritage Trust.

In January 2026 it will be the museum's silver anniversary. As it can be very chilly in the museum at that time of year we will be celebrating on the first weekend in April, when we open for the season.

Joyce Nash and Gina Mckay

Woodchurch Heritage Trust

Summary from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Balance at 1 January 2025			80,712.42
Lloyds Treasurers A/C 54888862		18,590.17	
Lloyds A/C 28900662		60,567.25	
Lloyds A/C 13899562		1,555.00	
Receipts			
Sales			
Sales	693.02		
		693.02	
Other receipts			
Suspense A/C	234.89		
150 Club	2,708.95		
Donations	1,385.00		
Elvis Tribute	1,638.05		
Sundry Items	10.99		
Audit Refund	1,975.20		
		7,953.08	
Interest received			
Bank Interest	481.63		
		481.63	
BANK TRANSFERS			
Transfer From 54888862 A/C	80.00		
Transfer From 02568110 A/C	316.31		
Transfer From 13899562 A/C	2,162.03		
		2,558.34	
			11,686.07
			92,398.49
Payments			
Purchases			
Suspense A/C	274.89		
Book Purchases	600.84		
150 Club Prizes	400.00		
Steps For Caravan	250.00		
Materials For Caravan	251.48		
Elvis Tribute Expenses	536.60		
		2,313.81	
Premises			
Water Rates	155.23		
Electricity	441.06		
Insurance	2,995.01		
Repairs & Renewals	6,418.69		
Guardian Security	54.00		
		10,063.99	
Office			
Telephone / Internet	557.54		
Sundry Items	100.00		
Trasfer to 28900662 A/C	80.00		
Transfer To 13899562 A/C	139.28		
Subscription	120.00		
Software	1,606.14		
Museum Audit	1,975.20		
Pulicity	201.87		
Memorial Crab Apple Tree	33.75		
Poppy Wreath Xmas Tree Festival	33.84		
Hire of Hall (AGM)	23.00		
IT Support	195.00		
BBQ Expenses	116.60		
Transfer To 54888862 A/C	2,162.03		
		7,344.25	

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Summary from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

		19,722.05
Balance at 31 December 2025		72,676.44
Lloyds Treasurers A/C 54888862	9,828.61	
Lloyds A/C 28900662	61,048.88	
Lloyds A/C 13899562	1,798.95	
Petty Cash	0.00	