Salisbury EcoHub Alliance CIO

Registered Charity no. 1203831

Trustees' Report, January 2026

Approved by the Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

2025 has been another successful year for the Salisbury EcoHub Alliance.

Although we still do not yet have our own premises, we have continued to run our weekly stall in Salisbury market, and we have now grown to be an established and respected local organisation with over a hundred and fifty individual members and 20 member groups.

Thermal Imaging Surveys

At the start of the year we were busy with our thermal imaging surveys. We have now re-started free thermal imaging surveys, and at present have space for new bookings. Anyone wishing to have their home surveyed this winter needs to get on the list, and can do so after this meeting.

Market Stalls and other outreach

As well as our market stall on Tuesdays, we have also had a stall at People in the Park in Queen Elizabeth Gardens in Salisbury in May.

Further afield, we took our “Big Banner” and leaflets to indoor events in Warminster in early 2025 hosted by Sustainable Warminster and outdoors to the Green Futures field at Glastonbury Festival in June, where our big banner and our range of climate science leaflets were read and approved by Dr. Richard Betts of Exeter University and the Met Office, who is a leading member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and UK Government advisor. In August we took our stall to the Green Gathering in Chepstow.

More locally, as well as our regular market stalls, we have also attended community and church events in and around Salisbury, and at County Hall in Trowbridge, where we provided a complete set of our Bite-size Climate Science leaflets to each of the Wiltshire Councillors.

Free LED lightbulbs

An innovation on the stall in 2025 was giving away 200 LED lightbulbs, funded from a donation by Salisbury Community Energy. This enables SCE, a CIC, to give back to the community the surplus income it makes from solar panels on local schools and Salisbury Cathedral cloisters, and brought more customers to the stall.

But what about premises?

Our founding vision was to provide a one-stop shop for information and advice on energy saving, renewable energy and greener lifestyles: a place to find out about local groups in and around Salisbury, and how to get involved; a place to meet like-minded people and make new friends and connections. There are two premises in Salisbury that we have our eyes on.

Just before our last AGM in November 2024, we looked at nos. 2-3 Priory Square in the Maltings precinct. At the time these were partially flooded due to a leaking roof, but although this was repaired early in 2025 they are still vacant a year later.

Priory Sq. is an excellent location, beside the central car park and Sainsbury's, but the owners are asking over £25,000 per year, which we do not have. We have passed our contacts over to our friends in the Climate Emergency Centre Network, who are attempting to negotiate a rent-free “meantime” lease for us.

The other place we have our eyes on is the former Hayballs cycle shop in Winchester St. This has also been vacant for over a year, as the Hayballs family have moved their cycle business to their motorbike showroom in Churchfields Estate.

The BIG lottery bid

The National Lottery “Climate Action Fund” could be a game-changer for us IF we strike lucky.

We have put in a bid in partnership with Wiltshire Climate Alliance, and with support from Wiltshire Council, for £1.5 million over 5 years, to set up a network of climate hubs across the county. Our initial application was submitted in December, and we are waiting to find out whether it will proceed further.

If our bid succeeds, we will be able to take our pick of premises in Salisbury, and employ at least one person for the next 5 years. The grant would also cover our running costs throughout the period. We could also use the space for public meetings, film shows etc. and share it with our member groups.

The grant would also provide for an electric van as a mobile unit to tour the smaller towns and villages, and climate hubs in Chippenham and Devizes, all fully funded and including staffing.

It will be fantastic if it happens, but even if we pass the first hurdle, we will not know the outcome until July, and it is certainly not something which we can rely on.

Unfortunately, we have failed to secure any grant funding during 2025, and donations have failed to keep pace with our expenditure, so we ended the year in a worse financial position than we started.

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Annual Accounts, 2025

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Annual Accounts 1st January to 31st December 2025

Balance carried forward 1st Jan £6,827.12

Comprising bank balance £ 6,670.54 + Cash in hand £156.58

Income and Expenditure 2025

	Income	Expenditure
Via bank account	£1,493.52	£2,152.67
Cash	£ 39.85	£ 145.68
Total	**£1,533.37**	**£2,298.35**

Balance at 31st December £6062.14

Comprising bank balance (current account) £ 955.95
+ Reserve (Deposit) account £ 5,055.44
+ Cash in hand £ 50.75

Income 1st January to 31st December 2025, compared to previous period (July 2023 to Dec 2024)

Income Summary	**2025**	**2023-4**
Donations online	£ 833.08	£ 710.18
Salisbury Community Energy	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Salisbury XR (film show)	£ 55.00	-
Other donations	£ 89.85	£ 508.71
Donation in kind (Big banner)	-	£ 91.90
Grants Rural Communities Energy Network	-	£ 3,992.26
Grant CSE Lead Training Fund	-	£ 5,000.00
Deposit account interest	£ 55.44	-
Total	**£1,533.37**	**£10,803.05**

Expenditure 1st January to 31st December 2025, compared to previous period (July 2023 to Dec 2024)

Expenditure summary	2025	2023-4
Paper & printing	£ 836.41	£ 1,630.70
Lightbulbs	£ 620.00	-
Volunteer refreshments	£ 386.70	£ 305.86
Insurance (public liability)	£ 211.68	£ 211.68
Event fees	£ 85.00	£ 70.00
Travel costs	£ 83.11	£ 524.09
Website	£ 40.00	£ 390.00
Misc. stall expenses	£ 17.85	£ 18.50
Dolls House project	£ 15.00	-
Postage & office sundries	£ 2.60	£ 32.88
Thermal imaging cameras	-	£ 933.60
Banners	-	£ 132.23
AGM costs	-	£ 112.98
Total	**£2,298.35**	**£ 4,362.52**