FRINTON ON SEA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AND McGRIGOR HALL

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Welcome to our 104th Annual Meeting. We are an amazing group of women who wish to share our experiences with each other, are enthusiastic to learn, and who are willing to help in our local community and enjoy spending time together.

Member numbers during 2025 have reached 140 plus exceeding our expectations and we were pleased to see that the majority renewed their membership. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members.

This is a summary of our year in review and together we have had a wonderful time. We have tried to capture the essence of who we are and the things we have done together and apologise in advance for any omissions we have made.

Our Meetings – Afternoon and Evening

Our Frinton WI Programme of speakers has again been varied with different speakers each evening and each afternoon.

As a brief summary, we have been entertained by:
The Black Deep Shanty Crew with their songs and talk on the origins of sea shanties
Behind Closed Doors Life of a Female Prison Officer
British Sign Language
Medical History on the Doorstep
Women of the Special Operations Executive (SOE)
Dementia

All meetings are held in the McGrigor Hall, an asset Frinton on Sea Women's Institute are very proud to own.

WI Events

Repair Café	Community Café (hosted with Frinton Rotary)
WI Community Choir	Minibus Outings
Annual Beach Party	Golf Day
Willow Workshop	Garden Club (talks & Outings)

A snapshot of our WI Fundraising Events held during 2025

Casino Night	Quiz Night
Afternoon Tea	Table-Top sale
Autumn Fair	Food & Flower Extravaganza
Hang a Flower on our Tree	16 Days of Activism & Vigil
Love Grace	

The WI has a chosen Charity each year and fundraising takes place between Apr to Mar.

Charities we have supported are:
2024/25 St Helena Hospice
2025/26 Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

WI Sub Groups

Craft Club	Dining Group
Gardening Group	Hobby Club
Reading Group	Walking Group
Yarn Birds	Book Club
Pudding Club	Art Club

McGrigor Hall

The McGrigor Hall, is owned by the Frinton on Sea Women's Institute. Frinton WI formed in 1922, with the ambition to own their own hall. In 1929 McGrigor Hall was acquired and it was opened in October 1934 by Lady Byng. Since that time a covenant remains stating that the hall cannot be sold and, if in the unlikely event Frinton WI ceases to exist, the hall passes to another local charity.

The Trustees are dedicated to keeping the McGrigor Hall available for numerous organisations, functions and events throughout the year which is of importance to Frinton on Sea and the surrounding area. Maintaining the hall costs approx. £20,000 per year. Improvements have been made during 2025 including a refurbishment of the kitchen and toilet facilities. Due to the age of the building (1934), there are ongoing maintenance requirements.

McGrigor Hall is used by Frinton WI for numerous events for WI members and WI fundraising events.

McGrigor Hall is renowned for the home of the Frinton Summer Theatre the oldest repertory theatre in the UK, established in 1934. During the Summer months, Frinton Summer Theatre hire the hall, putting on 5-6 plays with many professional, and some, famous actors. The blue plaque on our outside wall confirms this, being where Lynda Bellingham started her acting career. Frinton Summer Theatre also puts on other events during the year and all are loved by the residents of Frinton and surrounding areas.

The current patron of the Summer Theatre is Adjoa Andoh best known for her work with the Royal Shakespeare Company and National Theatre, as well as appearing in Bridgerton, Dr Who and Eastenders.

We boast our own stage with lighting & speakers, fitted kitchen & small meeting room. We also have a Music Licence for all users to take advantage of.

Examples of Community and Charity Users

Touched by Cancer	Frinton & Walton Heritage Society
Cinema on Sea	Friends of Frinton Theatre
Frinton Rotary Club	Cats Protection
Pilates	Slimming World
Yoga	Fit Steps
Art Groups	U3A
Clacton Camera Club	Community Voluntary Service Tendring
Toddler Football	Children's Yoga
Open Mic Night	Frinton Horticultural Society
Fashion Shows	

Examples of Other Users

Antique Fairs	Annual Frinton Literary Society
Jewellery Valuations	Frinton Memorial Club
Frinton Comedy Club	Other one-off events & private parties

Finally, the Trustees would like to thank everyone of our members and volunteers for their support both for Frinton Women's Institute and McGrigor Hall.

October 2026

Note: enter figures manually for last year and in any other cells that are not filled automatically if applicable to your WI

WI name	Frinton
Charity number (if registered)	228989
Federation	ESSEX

Please review the 'Notes to Financial Statement' sheet before completing this Statement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the period from **01/01/25** to **31.12.25**

As at Dec 2025

Section A — Receipts and Payments

A1 Receipts	Total £	Last year £	A2 Payments	Total £	Last year £
Receipts at meetings	298.50	330.00	**Meeting expenses**	1,193.15	1,611.05
Subscriptions (WI share)	3,642.98	4,111.60	**Committee Members' expenses**	-	
Gift Aid	-		**Pooling of fares / expenses**	-	16.00
Publications	-		**Publications**	94.00	42.00
Activities & events	7,689.00	10,680.72	**Activities & events**	7,382.19	9,990.68
WI fundraising	6,667.86	9,004.84	**WI fundraising**	790.63	1,959.35
Interest received		145.32			
Paid into current account	-		**Insurance**	30.00	30.00
Paid into deposit account	7.39				
Grants and donations	-	32.20	**Donations made**	19.99	7,227.50
Other income	-	398.35	**Other payments**	747.18	549.03
WI-owned hall - total receipts	30,911.53	32,913.54	**WI-owned hall - total payments**	34,722.48	38,635.04
Total Receipts	**49,217.26**	**57,616.57**	**Total Payments**	**44,979.62**	**60,060.65**

A3	*Restricted funds included in total receipts*			A4	*Restricted funds included in total payments*		

	Total Receipts less Total Payments (Surplus/Deficit for the year)	**4,237.64**
A5	Total cash funds brought forward from last year *(equals last year's total at B1)*	**43,406.89**
A6	**Total cash funds carried forward at this year end**	**47,644.53**
A7	***Total restricted funds at year end included in total cash funds above***	

The main purposes of the Women's Institute organisation are:
(a) to advance the education of women and girls for the public benefit in all areas including (without limitation): (i) local, national and international issues of political and social importance; (ii) music, drama and other cultural subjects; and (iii) all branches of agriculture, crafts, home economics, science, health and social welfare;
(b) to promote sustainable development for the public benefit by: (i) educating people in the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources; and (ii) promoting sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
(c) to advance health for the public benefit; and
(d) to advance citizenship for the public benefit by the promotion of civic responsibility and volunteering.

WI name: Frinton

Section B — Statement of assets and liabilities at the year end

B1 Cash funds

		Total £	Last year £
B1.1	**Final bank balance as per Account Book, including uncleared items**	11,091.44	3,062.54
B1.2	***Reconciliation of final bank balance from Account Book to bank statement***		
	Bank statement total at year end: 11,091.44		
	Plus amounts paid in to bank but not cleared		
	Less cheques written but not cleared		
	Less any cheques still uncleared from last year		
	Total *(should equal balance at B1.1)*: 11,091.44		
B1.3	**Savings / deposit account balance**	3,187.31	2,964.72
B1.4	**Hall Account Balances**	33,475.18	37,286.13
B1.5	**Less any funds held as agent for federation/NFWI, i.e subscriptions received but not yet paid over** *enter as a negative amount*	- 109.40	93.50
B1.6	**Total cash funds**	**47,644.53**	**43,406.89**

B2 Investments *(if any)*

B3 Other monetary assets *(e.g. any money owed to the WI)*

B4 Other assets held by the WI

e.g. WI owned hall, other equipment

	Value (optional)*	Original cost (optional)*

** cost / value should only be completed if meaningful information is available*

B5 Liabilities

Payments due immediately but not paid, or due at a future date, e.g. loans

	Date due (optional)*	Amount due (optional)*

** amount / date due should only be completed if meaningful information available*

Signed on behalf of all the trustees (WI Committee members)

Signature	Name	Date of approval	
Joanne Hughes	JOANNE HUGHES	23/2/26	President
Marian Hamer	MARIAN HAMER	23/2/26	Treasurer

Independent financial examiner's initials:

WI name: Frinton

Section C — Notes to the financial statement

C1 Funds received and paid as agent

Complete this section with total amounts received and paid over to the federation in the year

	Any balance previous £	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £	Any balance held at year end £
Federation / NFWI share of subscriptions		4,614.82	4,505.42	109.40
Federation event bookings by individual members		-	-	-
NFWI and / or federation raffle		-	-	-
				-
Total	-	4,614.82	4,505.42	109.40

C2 Details of restricted funds

Complete this section if the WI had any restricted funds during the year

		Receipts this year £	Payments this year £	Any balance held at year end £
Name or description of restricted fund:				
Total		-	-	-

C3 Further details of WI activities /fundraising /other

Include additional details that would be helpful to WI members or other readers of the financial statement

	Receipts this year £	Payments this year £
Activities & events (description)		
Total WI activities	-	-
WI fundraising (description)		
Air Ambulance	6,267.86	790.63
Contribution to kitchen fund McGrigor Hall	400.00	
Total WI fundraising	6,667.86	790.63
Grants & donations		
Total grants & donations	-	-
Other income / expenditure		
Total other income / expenditure	-	-

Independent financial examiner's initials:

Guidance on completing the WI Financial Statement is available on the My WI website

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER'S REPORT

ort on the Receipts and Payments Accounts set out on the attached Financial Statement pages 1-3 for the above named WI for the year ended

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trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

ing satisfied myself that the charity is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

xamine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
llow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
:ate whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any sual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures ertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts ent a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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nnection with my examination no matter has come to my attention, (other than disclosed below*):

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

to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

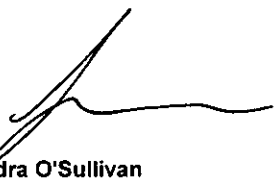
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

ave not been met; or

ch, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

ase delete the words in brackets if they do not apply.

nments:

Signed: 

Date: 23/07/06.

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