BEECH HYDE ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Annual Report 2025-2026

The Beech Hyde Association of Beech Hyde Primary and Nursery School, Nurseries Road, Wheathampstead, Herts, AL4 8TP is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, number 270383, and is administered by a management committee. The charity's governing instrument is its constitution of 2nd October 1975, as amended 25th May 2000, 11th March 2008 and 30th September 2025

Members of the Committee:

The following have served on the committee this year:
Chairperson: Vicky Toolan
Treasurer: Rob Jones
Secretary: Claire Penfold
Ordinary Members: Kim Bayliffe, Juliet Collins, Becky Farrell, Sophie Franklin, Alex Owen, Charlene Vallory
Head Teacher: Karen Thomas
In addition, many others not named here have volunteered their time to the activities of the BHA.

Review of the Year:

Outgoing treasurer Lynsey Thakrar left the accounts in a very healthy state, with over £19k available, and this allowed us to mark 50 years of the BHA by increasing donations to the school significantly this year. In particular, the Wildlife Wood project provided a strong fundraising focus, coming to fruition later in the year to wide acclaim. An instant access charity savings account was opened, allowing us to hold cash at an interest rate of 3.61%. Our regular events continued to be successful, although Fireworks proved less profitable this year (down over 25% at just under £2700) with weaker attendance. The 2k 10k run made a strong profit (up over 20% at over £8500), with a new raft of sponsors being recruited and costs being kept under control.

Fundraising events and initiatives:

The proven calendar of regular events was run again this year, with the addition of an evening trip to the theatre, which raised over £400 and was enjoyed by the 29 attendees. While the Santa dash and Pancake race don't initially appear to raise much, they are lovely events for both the children and parents and carers, and provided the BHA an invaluable platform to promote the Wildlife Wood. Donations to this were strong, and are reflected in the Justgiving and cash donations figures. We also ran Ice Cream Friday during the summer months and at Sports Day, the Halloween disco, Movie night and a bar at the Y5/6 Production nights. The decision was made not to run a stall at village day this year.

A uniform sale brought in further funds, as did the increasing uptake in the Parentkind lottery, and the Christmas tree scheme. Disappointingly, Easyfundraising income fell by more than 50%

Finally, we gratefully received grants of £5000 from WCG and £800 from the Harpenden Lions towards the Wildlife Wood.

All this came to a profit for the year of over £23k, up significantly from previous years.

Donations to the school:

We were able to make a big jump to £34k (vs £15k last year) of donations to school, notably the Wildlife Wood mentioned earlier, and accompanying Forest school training course (over £18k combined). We also commissioned a local artist to work with the children and create a striking wall mural in the playground (£2.4k). Another significant donation was the second year of the PSHE and RE curriculum package at £1.8k.

We also continued our regular donations of the popular mobile climbing wall visit, leavers hoodies, cycling proficiency course, swimming lessons, pantomime trip, school trips subsidy, library books, school guinea pigs, Christmas gifts, drinking water and ice pops for all children. Costs of most of these are rising, which is something to focus on to keep these donations sustainable.

Finally we donated funds for promotional packs for school open days, engraving for the English star award, and fans for the classrooms during the heatwave.

Funds available on 31 August 2026: £8,655.72

Beech Hyde Association

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 August 2026

	2025/26
Income:	
Income fundraising events	29,116.98
Income non fundraising events; grants & donations	9,840.89
	38,957.87
Expenditure - Direct Charitable Expenditure	
Wildlife wood	16,136.94
Forest school training course	997.00
Year 6 Hoodies	720.00
Water subsidy	1,780.00
Father Christmas Gifts	236.56
Pantomime	1,613.22
Library books	399.72
Swimming	1,700.74
Bikeability	525.00
School Trip Contribution	3,545.00
Well being animals	585.08
Wall mural	2,400.00
PSHE program	1,791.00
Open day promotional items	245.00
Climbing Wall	980.00
Fans for classrooms	525.00
Ice pops during heatwave	42.20
English Star award engraving	15.00
	34,237.46
Other Expenditure	
Fundraising costs	14,869.77
Bank charges	4.56
Equipment & sundries	173.78
Parentkind and Grants for schools membership	246.60
	15,294.71
Total expenditure	**49,532.17**
Net income/(expenditure)	**(10,574.30)**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 August 2026

Balance held at main account	0.10
Balance held at 10k/2k account	0.01
Balance held in savings account	8,178.36
Cash in hand	477.25
Assets	**8,655.72**
Costs released for Fireworks 2025	(218.00)
Costs paid in advance for Fireworks 2026	218.00
Expenses owed to Chair	(32.00)
Liabilities	**(32.00)**
Net assets	**8,623.72**
Opening balance	19,198.02
Add net income/(expenditure) for the year	(10,574.30)
Closing balance	**8,623.72**
Difference	*0.00*

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16 October 2026

Trustees of the Beech Hyde Association

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Review of Accounts to 31 August 2026

I have reviewed the Beech Hyde Association accounts and supporting documentation for the financial year ended 31 August 2025. I have conducted a sample basis review to agree to backing documentation and found these tests to be materially accurate.

Yours sincerely

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Mellissa Packwood, FCA