Income Statement

Ashington community Centre trust
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Account	2026	2025
Turnover		
Admin fee		
Alcohol permit		
Christmas fayre and tables	2,026.00	1,786.25
Cleaning fee		
Full stage		
Hire of large hall	36,302.49	33,896.91
Interest Income	251.75	306.34
License fees		
Non invoiced receipts		
Other Revenue	2,572.70	1,978.70
Pitch and outdoor court hire	7,149.05	5,803.00
Sales	1,503.56	146.40
Scout hut hire	12,276.00	11,166.70
Small hall hire	6,813.80	9,788.70
Sports Court hire		
Sports pavillion	5,281.20	4,851.60
Tea Towel sales	15.00	393.00
Vehicle charging	988.00	
Willard Room	10,305.46	6,728.20
Youth club	1,089.77	861.34
Total Turnover	**86,574.78**	**77,707.14**
Other Income		
Donations	661.00	233.00
Gain on investment	11,699.16	6,577.65
Total Other Income	**12,360.16**	**6,810.65**
Total income	**98,934.94**	**84,517.79**

Cost of Sales		
Direct Expenses	1,717.92	408.34
Total Cost of Sales	**1,717.92**	**408.34**
Gross Surplus	**97,217.02**	**84,109.45**
Administrative Costs		
Advertising & Marketing	188.51	232.61
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,922.40	1,834.92
Bank Fees	25.27	17.07
Cleaning	10,103.80	9,263.25
Computer	84.98	221.60
Consulting		2,070.00
Depreciation Expense	3,378.95	3,234.09
Donations made	50.00	50.00
General Expenses	519.75	372.47
Grounds maintenance	6,156.60	6,109.49
IT software and consumables	531.00	528.00
Licences and insurance	4,485.73	3,642.48
Light, Power, Heating	17,351.88	19,482.59
Paypal fees	171.96	77.95
Postage, Freight & Courier		12.80
Printing & Stationery	71.35	167.45
Rates	3,420.77	3,553.31
Repairs & Maintenance	15,688.60	19,380.63
Salaries	10,657.50	11,070.70
Staff Training		174.00
Subscriptions	277.00	98.20
Subsistence and travel		
Telephone & Internet	592.52	822.02
Water	2,811.23	1,247.48
Total Administrative Costs	**78,489.80**	**83,663.11**
Operating surplus/(deficit)	**18,727.23**	**446.34**

Surplus b/fwd	118,719.16	118272.82
Surplus /(deficit) for year	18,727.23	446.34
Surplus c/fwd	137,446.39	118,719.16

Represented by:		
Bank	5,581.02	3,586.51
Savings	37,849.34	30,397.59
Paypal	2,271.94	122.65
Investment	91,291.92	79,592.76
Fixed assets	5,900.05	8,577.00
Debtors	10,385.69	11,614.82
Rounding on above	1.10	1.04
Creditors	(15,834.67)	(15,173.21)
	137,446.39	118,719.16

I am satisfied the Trust accounts are in accordance with the books and records and explanations given to me



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2026 AGM Report from the Chair of the ACCT

Following on from the extensive achievements during the course of 2024/2025, The Ashington Community Centre Trust has continued to enhance the services that it provides to the village. It has proved itself to be an extremely able organization which has operated without any form of financial support other than that generated by the initiatives and contributions made by its formidable team of Trustees and Volunteers.

It really has been an honour to chair the Trust. The dedication of those involved with supporting the Trust has enabled it to deliver a comprehensive service to the residents of, and visitors to, Ashington during the course of the year.

As was reported last year, we signed a tenancy agreement with Astrid Clarke, in May 2024, to enable the creation of a coffee shop in the old Willards building which was lying vacant. This has continued to prove to be very successful, and 'Tate' is now open every day of the week, except Monday, albeit Astrid intends to extend to a seven-day week. She is to be congratulated on the level of service, the style of the shop and the offerings on hand whilst also handling getting married and having her first child.

The RH20 Gym continues to go from strength to strength and the proprietor, Aaron, has been looking to expand the facilities that the gym provides. He was very supportive of our events last summer and we continue to work with him to enhance the recreational services to the village. This now includes an initiative to install a mobile sauna and plunge pool which is currently being evaluated.

On June 14th, in combination with the ACCT, the Ashington Events Hub held another 'Picnic in the Park' event. This was organized by Liam O'Reilly and his team of volunteers who again put on an excellent event for the village. The weather wasn't at its best, but we soldiered on and a good day was had by the large number of residents and their friends in the village.

Following the Picnic in the Park, the Rec facilities were again utilized for the annual Ashington Festival run by Margaret Alford and her wonderful team of volunteers. We had really good weather and this year, there was a large car display which was officially judged by a talented team of car connoisseurs. A great deal of time and effort goes into all these events, and we are always grateful for those who participate and support both before and on the day; it wouldn't happen without such dedication.

During the latter part of year, further events orchestrated by the Trust took place in the Community Centre, where we were once again royally entertained by the Sussex Band of the Royal Legion for The Remembrance Event. This year, our thanks must go to Margaret Alford's grandson, Sergeant Oliver Edbury, 45F Worthing Squadron, Royal Air Force Air Cadets, for reciting the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph.

There were other events including the Halloween Disco, the Christmas Fayre, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and more. These will be covered in the Secretary's report, but they were extremely successful this year and, once, again, my thanks go to the team of Trustees who volunteered to support and run these events. Margaret Alford, our Secretary, continues to be an absolute stalwart. My thanks also go to the members of the Musical Theatre Group who greatly assisted us during the Christmas Fayre, ably supported by the most marvelous Father Christmas in the shape of our very own Martin Jenkins. We have welcomed two new groups to the ACCT, Short Mat Bowls and the Football Fun Factory, both of whose membership is slowly growing in number.

The projects in which our Trustees have continued to engage on behalf of the ACCT seem to know no limits. We had a team work very hard on re-decorating the whole of the outside of the Youth Club, following the installation of a new roof by the AYC, and a new hard standing was laid at the rear of the Club. We have since installed fencing on the rear perimeter of the AYC to try to prevent the wall being used for football practice to protect both the paintwork and the guttering; this has proved quite effective. Further work was done internally following a flood and, given the work already done by the Youth Club itself, the building is looking in much better shape all round. Helen Lee must be congratulated on her excellent efforts to ensure that all the work has been done to a very high standard.

This work also included the renewal of the electrics within the Youth Club, initiated by Helen on their behalf. However, it also included an upgrade of the power supply running into Willards and the installation of new heating in the Sports Pavilion by the ACCT. The combination of all this work and other initiatives in the Main Hall led us to successfully pass the major Five Year Electrical Testing Exercise for the whole Estate

In terms of the ongoing maintenance of our buildings, Martin Jenkins has continued to pursue a major cleaning deep clean programme for the floors in the toilets and the public areas, whilst Katie Waite has done an excellent job in maintaining the cleanliness of all our facilities, ably assisted by Derek Campbell.

As part of the ongoing work to enhance and modernize our facilities, when the decision was taken to close down the Storehouse facility within the Hall, an exercise was undertaken to refurbish the old room such that it might be made available for a tenant to rent on a commercial basis. This work was undertaken by John Howie, whom we welcomed back into the Trust, and Martin Jenkins. The work has been completed to the highest standard and I thank them both for all their efforts in their personal time to make it available to rent out. The ACCT does, of course, operate without any financial support, so it is imperative that it realizes as much income as possible to ensure that it can continue to maintain the buildings, grounds, associated equipment and all the services for which it is responsible.

On that note, we have had to deal with the renewal of the grass cutting blades at great expense as they had to be handmade. We have had to make provisions for other new kit for the maintenance of both the Rec and the park areas; in addition, we now also have a budget to deal with ecology issues and enhance the look and feel of the grounds with new trees, shrubs and garden areas.

In that respect, we were delighted to also welcome Penny Howie as a Trustee. She brings with her a host of ideas and initiatives to encourage the development of the grounds and environmentally friendly enhancements. She and I will be working with Robin Botting and Mark Adsett on a programme of work, and I am very grateful for the support and endorsement we have received from our two stalwarts here. They work tirelessly on behalf of the Trust in maintaining the grounds to an excellent standard and we are grateful for their time and effort. The Rec, particularly, has been enhanced to a degree by the work undertaken by the AFC in conjunction with Robin and Mark, but we do understand that it was difficult to make much of the progress that had been planned due to the advent of a very dry summer and a very wet spring.

An additional shed was built by the ACCT for use by the AFC to enable them to accommodate new kit within the garage which had been partly refurbished, but it has sadly been damaged in the storms in February/March this year. We shall, therefore, be evaluating how we will deal with the issue of storage of the kit and the repairs to the roof of the garage which are also required.

The other major issue we had lay in the maintenance, enhancement and repairs to both the Sports Pavilion and Youth Club Car parks. Thanks to initiatives by various parties, we were able to orchestrate some substantial repairs to be car parks, and they are now in a far more presentable, viable and safe condition for all to use when accessing the grounds or immediate facilities. We are also very grateful to WSCC for the work which they undertook to deal with the flooding along Church Lane. The raised kerbing outside the AYC and Willards has greatly reduced to element of flooding, but there is still remedial work to be conducted to assist with the drainage within that area.

As we move into 2026/27, we have a new range of repairs, maintenance and initiatives to cater for. We need to replace all of the theatre and side window curtains as they have reached end of their life. They are expensive as they must meet high standards to adhere to fire safety regulations, and they also have to be suitable for the Musical and Theatre Group who are increasing their use of our facilities.

The heating of the Hall has been a constant source of high costs and with the advent of the war in the Middle East, the urgency to find an alternative for a system which is cumbersome, outdated and expensive has increased dramatically. There is therefore a major initiative to explore the viability of solar heating in the Hall. The size of the roof very much lends itself to the installation of solar panels, but it is a considerable challenge to deal with such a programme of work. Thereby, a business case is being prepared to deal with this during the coming year such that we might evaluate the funding requirements accordingly.

These projects will all require a considerable amount of funds, so the ACCT will continue to utilize its income in the most efficient fashion possible. This requires us to be extremely circumspect and inventive in the manner by which we examine additional sources of income, so the experience and efforts of those in the relevant sub-groups within the ACCT will, no doubt, prove invaluable during this process.

Our review of all the Governance processes within the ACCT has supported the structures which we have put in place to manage both the finances and initiatives outlined herein. Moreover, the relationships which we have built with both volunteers and suppliers have greatly enhanced our ability to continue to manage the Trust in the most professional and efficient fashion.

Our sincere thanks go to Shirley Piper, who sadly stepped away last year, but who continues to run our booking system in the most proficient manner possible. We also thank the Wardens for their input and assistance, and welcome the good working relationship that we have with them, as we do with all those groups and customers who utilize the services and facilities of the Trust. We continue to provide the Parish Council with the provision of facilities without charge such that they might continue to use the Main Hall for the monthly Parish Council meetings and the Small Hall or Upstairs office, as appropriate, for their Planning and Finance meetings.

I would again restate my thanks to my fellow Trustees for their excellent contribution towards the running the operations and administration of the ACCT. They continue to be unsung heroes who put in a very considerable amount of time and effort in their endeavours to provide the facilities and services that the village requires.

Laura White continues in her role as the Trust Administrative Clerk and she must be congratulated on doing an excellent job, providing support to Margaret Alford, our Secretary, and Sarah Mansfield-Osborne continues her fine job as our accounts Bookkeeper. Michelle Simpson does the most terrific job in managing our financial affairs and the fashion by which she presents the business cases to us for consideration is highly professional and much appreciated.

In summary, the ACCT shall continue to work on the initiatives which I have outlined above and ensure that we continue to offer a high quality service to the community. Once again, the pressures of the current economic climate continue to affect us, but this dedicated team of Trustees who will always do their best to deliver. It is imperative that we continue to focus our energies on the operation of the ACCT facilities and ensure that our priorities remain within this arena. I trust that we shall not have endure the distractions that we had last year and look forward to a more positive and constructive relationship with the parties with whom we engage, such that we might all be directing our time and efforts into enhancing the facilities within the community and continuing to deliver on our mission statement.

Christopher Wood

Chair, Ashington Community Trust

19th May 2026