



28th Annual report and Financial Statement

June 2025 – May 2026

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Registered Charity Number 1069442

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THE FRIENDS OF LYTHAM HALL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO MAY 2026

The Friends of Lytham Hall of Church Farmhouse, 23 Commonside, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire FY8 4EX is registered with the Charity Commission (number 1069442). It is an incorporated association constituted by Deed of Trust.

The charity is administered by a Management Committee comprising:

Chair	- Alison Wood
Vice Chair	- Bob Smith
Secretary & Newsletter	- Kath Smith
Treasurer	- Terry Jones
Membership	- Marilyn Smith
Committee members	- Pam Beeden, Lambert Dopping-Hepenstal, Gillian Duxbury Elizabeth Guffogg, Meg Hargreaves, Sue Havenhand, John Hornyak, Sue Jones, Fiona Sumner, Gill Totty

Under the rules of the constitution which requires three members of the committee and the Chair to retire each year. Gill Totty, Kath Smith and Sue Jones will retire from the committee. and all have offered themselves for re-election.

Sue Jones continues to be the Friends' representative on the Lytham Town Trust Board. David Coupe remains as President and Marion Coupe and Hugh Clifton remain as Vice presidents. We would like to thank them for their continued support.

This report covers the accounting period **June 2025 to May 2026.**

It has been a challenging year for the FOLH from a fund-raising perspective. We decided last year that given the scale/complexity of the Halloween event that its continued success would be better ensured if the event would be run and led by the Lytham Hall and the Friends continue to organise the Easter Bunny family fun day event. We recognised at the time this would reduce our annual income by circa £7000.

Unfortunately, due to extreme weather we had to cancel the Easter Bunny event on the day and offered a full refund to everyone. This meant we had no income this year from events (note: last year Easter Bunny event raised just over £3800).

The second-hand bookshop, adjacent to the café, is now our primary source of fundraising. The bookshop area and toilets were closed for refurbishment for just under 3 months and so income was only £7570, for this year as compared to £9000 in 2024/25. We are pleased to report that since reopening at end of May, the bookshop is generating a steady source of income. The FOLH committee would like to acknowledge and thank Janet Potheary and her team of volunteers for their hard work & effort in refurbishing the bookshop area. The Committee would also like to acknowledge the continued dedication and commitment of our bookshop team.

Membership fees remain a steady source of income generating circa £7900 this year. Disappointingly, we have not been successful in increasing both the numbers of members and patrons over the course of this year. This will be a priority for 2026/27 along with updating the FOLH website.

We continue to provide refreshments at the outdoor theatres in support of Julian Wilde's summer theatre events and would like to thank Julian for the donation he makes to the Friends each year.

We continue to support projects at the Hall with circa £15k in funding provided this year as detailed in the accounts. The main project this year was the funding of Dig-Ventures to undertake an archaeological dig (with community engagement) in support of the planning consent for the overflow paddock car park. We have also funded the production and printing of a booklet that describes the art collection at Lytham Hall and the printing of the updated guidebook for the house stewards. We also contributed to the cost of refurbishing the bookshop area.

Whilst not shown in the 2025/26 accounts, the FOLH have committed £50K to fund the proposed project to refurbish and convert the Woodstore into a dedicated visitors centre. Lytham Town Trust have also ring-fenced funds to support this project. HTNW will raise the balance of funds required for the project over the course of the next 12 -18 months. Further updates will be provided in FOLH newsletters

30th Anniversary of FOLH

The FOLH organisation celebrated its 30th anniversary with a lunch for members On May22nd in the Upper West Wing. We were pleased to welcome Hugh & Debi Clifton, David & Marion Coupe, Peter Anthony and Michael Guy (CEO- HTNW) as our guests. This was a timely point to recognise the significant progress that has been made in the restoration of the Hall and the grounds and to note that the FOLH have provided circa £400,000 in support of many varied projects and activities. We are assembling a list of the key projects funded by the FOLH over last three decades and will publish this in newsletter in due course.

Chair 

Dated: August 1st, 2026

For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

Governance

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Trustees:	Alison Wood (Chair) T. Jones (Treasurer) K. Smith (Secretary) R. Smith S. Havenhand E. Guffogg L. Dopping-Hepenstal M. Hargreaves M. Smith S. Jones J. Hornyak

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and is an incorporated association. The governing document is the Constitution as adopted on 15th May 1997 and amended in 1998 and 2022.

Purpose and Objectives

The charity is established for the public benefit and has the following objectives:

1. To preserve for the benefit of the local community and the nation at large, Lytham Hall together with its works of art, furniture and contents.
2. To ensure that the Hall is used primarily as an art gallery, museum and visitor centre and to provide other amenities of a similar character for the benefit of the public.

Appointments of Trustees/Officers

In accordance with the Constitution, the charity shall have at least 6 trustees. A Trustee must be a member of the charity. Trustees are elected at a general meeting of the charity and the Trustees may appoint anyone who is willing to act as a Trustee. Election is for three years. One third of the Trustees retire annually but are eligible for re-election. When new Trustees are appointed, they are briefed on the up-to-date position of the charity.

Trustees' responsibility for the accounts

Charity Law requires the trustees of the charity to prepare financial statements each year which show a true and fair view. In addition, the trustees are responsible for selecting suitable accounting policies and applying them on a consistent basis, to make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable, to keep proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Organisation

The business of the charity is managed by the Committee, which currently comprises 15 members. The Committee meets as required but at least 5 times per annum. At each meeting all the activities of the charity and its financial position are reviewed.

Investment policy

All the charity's funds are held in cash. Funds for short term use are held in a bank current account; the balance is held in an interest bearing CCLA account.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

In advance of all events organised by the charity, a comprehensive safety risk assessment is undertaken and where events take place on the Hall premises, this risk assessment is shared with the Hall's management. All of our events require children and vulnerable adults to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Data protection policy

The data held by the charity is limited to that required to manage the membership and specifically the names and contact details of each member. This data is only used for communication with the individual members. This will be an email address and, if provided by the member, a postal address.

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Receipts and Payments Account

General Purposes Fund

For the year ended 31st May 2026

INCOME	2026	2025
Paypal giving	246	163
Donations (Note 1)	811	716
Membership fees	7951	7638
Miscellaneous (Note 3)	3165	0
Gift aid	0	474
Proceeds from fund raising events (Note 2)	10832	25329
Bank Interest - Lloyds Current Account	0	0
Bank Interest - COIF Charity Deposit Fund	3148	3474
Total receipts	26153	37794

DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

Goods for re-sale	366	3190
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OTHER EXPENSES

Costs of fund raising events (Note 2)	936	1567
Postage, stationery and printing	290	842
Hire of Premises	0	0
	0	0
Bank Charges	33	0
Miscellaneous (Note 3)	17875	20903
Licences and Lottery registration	0	0
Audit of Accounts	150	150
	19650	26652

NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

Net receipts as at 31st May 2026	6503	11142
Cash and bank balances at 31 May 2025	91351	80209
	97854	91351

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank and cash balances:		
Bank current account	2312	13957
Deposit Fund account	95542	77394
Cash in hand	0	0
	97854	91351

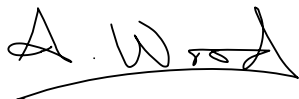
NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Unused stock for future use.	100	112
	100	112

Approved by the Management Committee at their meeting of 17th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by

Alison Wood 17th August 2026

Chair.



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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31st May 2026

NOTE 1. Donations

There were made, a total of 5 donations amounting to £811 during the course of the year.

Note 2 - Fund Raising Events

Pen sales	1092
Harry Clifton Book sales	159
Card sales	125
John Talbot Clifton Book sales	30
2nd Hand Book sales	7570
Theatre refreshments	1709
Christmas Tree Event	87
Easter Bunny Hunt	60
	10832

Note 3 Miscellaneous (receipts 2025/2026)

Return of VAT paid in error	1515
30 Year lunch income	1650
	3165

Note 3 Miscellaneous (payments 2025/2026)

Return of Subs	110
Dig Ventures	13140
St Annes Parish Church	45
Media-print Hall picture booklet	600
Media-print Banners	390
The Broker Network. Insurance	438
Bookshop refit	876
Outlook Web hosting renewal	217
30 Year luncheon	2059
	17875

(Charity Commission number 1069442)

The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with good accountancy practice using the Receipts & Payments basis.

Funds

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purpose of the charity. These include funds designated for a particular purpose by the charity.

The accounts include monetary transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity can be held responsible.

Subject to the above, receipts and payments include income as received and expenditure when irrevocably paid.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The following assets are recognised but not necessarily valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Investments held beneficially by the charity.

The following assets are recognised and a monetary value given as part of the description in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Amounts owing from the Inland Revenue in respect of Gift Aid Relief where a formal claim has been made.

Legacies where formal notification of entitlement and amount has been received by 31st May each year.

Closing bank balances as shown in the receipts and payments account.

The following liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:

Creditors for goods and services where the supply has been received and invoiced by 31st May each year.

Independent Examiner's Report.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Friends of Lytham Hall (C.C. No. 1069442).

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st. May 2026, which are set out on pages 8 to 9 in this Report.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to :

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report. .

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

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. 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 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....*Alan A Clements*.....

Date. 2nd. August 2026.

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