

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Introduction

As many of you will know, last week's AGM had to be abandoned part-way through the preceding talk when one of our members was taken ill. As a result, no AGM took place.

The good news is that the lady taken ill was examined at Wexham Park Hospital where a number of tests were carried-out. No underlying problem was identified and she was released later that day. When I spoke to her on Saturday, was resting at her daughter's feeling understandably tired. I know you join me in wishing her well.

With regard to the AGM, I've decided to append it to the next meeting on 24th April. I don't expect it to last very long but it is important that we hold one both to agree the accounts for last year and also to agree how we will disperse the profits to the National Trust.

Enclosed in this Newsletter are:

- The Agenda for the AGM with the date amended to show 24th April
- The Minutes from last year's AGM and
- The Summary Accounts for last year

I printed some copies of these documents for last week's aborted meeting and will print some more for the next one but, if you are able, please print them yourselves and bring them to the AGM.

Normally, we don't charge admission for the AGM and didn't at last week's meeting in the expectation that the full programme would be followed. However, we will be charging the normal admission price of £2.50 per member at April's meeting.

I know that many of you bought raffle tickets at the meeting last week and there was no opportunity to draw it. I asked people to retain their tickets but it's likely that a number will be lost or misplaced before the end of the month. So, as a gesture of goodwill, each member attending the meeting on the 24th April will receive a free raffle ticket. Winning tickets will be drawn at the end of the proceedings in the normal way.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

With kind regards

Graham Parsons

45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NATIONAL TRUST
WYCOMBE CENTRE

Friday 24th April 2026 at 2.15pm at Hazlemere Community Centre

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting**
- 3 **Matters Arising**
- 4 **Chairman's Report**
- 5 **Statement of Accounts**
- 6 **Allocation of Surplus Funds**
- 7 **Appointment of Examiner of Accounts**
- 8 **Election of Officers and Committee Members**
- 9 **Any Other Business**

MINUTES OF THE 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WYCOMBE CENTRE ON FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025 AT HAZLEMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Graham Parsons - Chairman	Jane Jeeves - Committee Member
Janet Saul - Hon Secretary	Lynne Davies - Committee Member
Maureen Green - Hon Treasurer	Jen Robinson – Committee Member

1 Apologies for Absence

Kath Minall, Chris Patching, Marilyn Finch

2 Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting

These have been approved and previously been available for reference; they were proposed by Jane Gloster, seconded by Chris Smith

3 Matters Arising

None

4 Chairman's Report

The report covered the period April 2024 to March 2025; Graham reported a generally successful year when we have “held our own” with some memorable events during our meetings or outings.

Membership has fluctuated during the year, from 178 at the last AGM to just over 200 in December, and today stands at 177.

There is some uncertainty about the future of the HCA which has been “our home” for many years.

Recruiting Committee members is proving a challenge and some roles are yet to be filled.

We have experienced some difficulty in booking venues for our trips, some cannot commit to availability.

The National Trust are now imposing various data policies and procedures which they have said are necessary.

There appears to be falling interest compared to previous years; now we have to work hard to ensure enough members to enable trips to go ahead.

We have managed to run an event each month from the Spring Lunch in March through to RHS Wisley Lights in December; we hope to do the same in 2025.

We have run a varied programme of talks from modern history through to Lady Howe (Lord Lieutenant of Bucks) to Florence Nightingale.

It has been a pleasure to be re-acquainted with Ray Cox as our event driver who is always helpful, friendly and on time!

The chairman spoke last year about developing the Centre's website; we can now report that the shell has been completed and we will be beginning to populate the various pages.

We will be aiming to keep admin costs down and make processes as simple as possible. Members are encouraged to pay for events and subscriptions by bank transfer.

Graham thanked all the committee and helpers who supported him during the year and for working for the benefit of members; he closed by thanking the members for supporting the Centre and the great work done by the National Trust, both locally and nationally.

Agnieszka Kearney and Kath Minall will be standing down this year.

A presentation was made to Agnieszka as an acknowledgment of her many years of service to the committee and the centre.

5 Statement of Accounts

The accounts were presented in the same format as in the previous 5 years, duly reviewed and signed off by David Lyn our External Examiner. The accounts were circulated in the February newsletter and printed copies were available on the day.

Income totalled £60,400.80. Operating Expenses totalled £54,935.61. Nett Operating Profit was £5,465.19.

There were miscellaneous expenses of £5,866.45 including £5,500 donation to the NT. Other £366.45 was accounted for by stationery, postage, audit fees etc.

We started the year with £9,687.37 in cash and at the bank, ended with £9,286.11, down by £401.26.

There are no outstanding liabilities or income due as at year-end.

All events/activities made a profit except Waltham Place trip which broke even.

No bank charges were paid in 2024 and no interest was earned on account balances.

The situation changes this year when charges are being levied.

6 Allocation of Surplus Funds

It was proposed to donate £5000 to NT which equates to the overall profit made last year.

Hughenden - £2500, Cliveden - £2000, Greys Court - £500

Proposed by Rose Heard Seconded by Maddie Abear

7 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts

David Lynn who is a business advisor has agreed to Graham's request to examine the books at the end of the year

Proposed by Rose Cropper, Seconded by Elaine Parsons

8 Election of Officers and Committee Members

All officers and committee have agreed to stand for re-election.

Chairman – Graham Parsons

Proposed by Trish Phillips seconded by Betty Williams

Vice Chairman – no nominations have been received, no one from the floor indicated a wish to stand for this, so the position remains vacant.

Treasurer – Maureen Green has been proposed and is willing to remain in office.

Deputy Treasurer role is vacant, there have been no nominations for this position.

Proposed by Roy Rigg, seconded by Maddy Abear

Secretary – our current secretary Janet Saul has agreed to remain in office.

Proposed by Elaine Evans seconded by Maureen Rigg

Committee members – are elected for a period of 12 months

Lynne Davies, Jane Jeeves, Chris Patching, Jen Robinson. Sue Smith has agreed to be raffle co-ordinator

Proposer – Rose Heard Seconded Liz Smith

Graham asked members to consider joining the committee or coming along to a committee meeting to gain an idea of what we do. More members would be most welcome.

Former chairman Alan Davies raised concerns about the role of chairman and expected length of term, Graham may decide to step down in two or three years, if no one volunteers to take over it is highly possible the centre would close. More committee members are needed to help Graham and the current committee, some of whom fulfil multiple tasks.

9 Any Other Business

No other business was raised. The meeting closed at 3.00pm

SUMMARY ACCOUNTS FOR 2025

	No1		No2		Total
	Account	Petty Cash	Account	Petty Cash	
Opening Balances 01/01/2025	£5,164.97	£61.00	£3,990.14	£70.00	£9,286.11
Income and Expenditure 2025	Income		Expenses		Difference
Membership Subs and Costs	£2,050.00		£312.80		£1,737.20
Monthly Meetings	£4,887.00		£3,584.21		£1,302.79
Coffee Mornings	£1,550.20		£868.60		£681.60
Quiz Feb25	£30.00		£30.00		£0.00
Milestones Museum Mar25	£1,645.00		£1,433.00		£212.00
Batsford Arboretum/Chastleton House Apr25	£1,537.00		£1,249.50		£287.50
Wilton House May25	£1,937.50		£1,638.50		£299.00
Rockingham Castle Jun25	£2,080.00		£1,740.00		£340.00
Greenwich Jul25	£1,275.00		£995.00		£280.00
Canal Boat Trip Aug25	£1,224.00		£1,190.00		£34.00
Shropshire Holiday Sep25	£30,937.00		£30,201.67		£735.33
Oxford Theatre Trip Oct25	£3,825.00		£3,688.95		£136.05
Richard III Leicester Trip Nov25	£1,940.00		£1,520.00		£420.00
Christmas Lunch Dec25	£2,100.00		£2,002.00		£98.00
				Total	£6,563.47
Miscellaneous Expense Items					
- Accounts Examination Costs			£100.00		
- Bank Charges			£101.97		
- Stationery & Postage			£31.49		
- Retirement & Thank You Gifts to Committee & Helpers			£91.48		
- Purchase of Microphones & Projector for Meetings			£429.98		
- Donation to National Trust			£5,000.00		
- Advertising: Development & Hosting of NTWC Website			£330.00		
				Total	-£6,084.92
Total Nett Difference for 2025					£478.55
Calculated Closing Balance for 2025 (Total Opening Balance + Total Nett Difference for 2025)					£9,764.66
					Total
Actual Closing Balances 31/12/2025	£2,547.16	£61.00	£7,086.50	£70.00	£9,764.66
Individual Account Differences for Year (Closing Balances for Year - Opening Balances for Year)	-£2,617.81	£0.00	£3,096.36	£0.00	£478.55


Notes to the Accounts:

- There were no outstanding liabilities at year-end - all invoices relating to the year's activities have been paid. No cheques were issued from either account throughout the year.

I certify that I have examined and verified the books and entries of these accounts presented to me and that the above balance sheet together with the income and expenses recorded schedules represents a true financial position of the National Trust Wycombe Centre accounts on the 31st December 2025.

Signed


Maureen Green - Treasurer

 13.1.26
David Lynn - Dip FS, MBA, ACIB - Examiner