
Lydford Sports Field – 2025

Accounts

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Net Income from hiring out of facilities	£295	£475
Donations	£2567.64	£600
Income from Lydford Fair	£2400.49	£0
Total Income 2024	<u>£5263.13</u>	<u>£1075</u>
 <u>Outgoings</u>		
Council tax	£163.65	£72.35
Water bills	£361.03	£288.57
Electricity bills	£659.52	£1198.06
Insurance	£481.67	£460.38
Capital Improvements	£2901.93	£237.2
Maintenance of play equipment	£309.12	£748.30
General maintenance	£388.9	£1129.52
Total Outgoings	<u>£5265.82</u>	<u>£4134.38</u>

Loss	£2.69	£3059.38
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Cash in bank reconciliation for 2024

Balance 31/12/24	£10577.14
Balance 31/12/25	£10574.45

Decrease in bank balance during 2025	£2.69
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Notes

Income was much improved in 2025 due to the hosting of the Lydford Summer Fair (not held in 2024) and a significant and very generous donation from the Lydford Community Group. The Sportsfield was used less than last year and hiring out charges were consequently less than in 2024.

Fixed charges were significantly less because of electricity charges. A much better tariff had been negotiated with EDF in mid 2024 and bills in 2025 were consequently much reduced. They should fall further in 2026. Council tax/business rates went up even though the basic rate remained the same. This was due to the retail discount that we received in 2024 being reduced for 2025 (it may disappear altogether in 2026). Water charges are rising and this will be looked at in early 2026.

Capital improvements - we made a conscious decision to upgrade a few things in the Pavillion this year. The main items were upgrades to the kitchen with a new hob now in place, hot water heater being installed for the sink and new units to separate the kitchen area from the public area. Significant electrical work included fixing the electric showers, various sockets and outside lights. We renewed all lithium batteries to the safety lighting, PAT tested all equipment, added new smoke and heat alarms and completed work in the kitchen area.

We also bought a new BBQ (last one ruined in the storm along with the old shed we had), new temporary fencing and stakes for use mainly during fairs, new cable protectors, signage throughout and various door handles and locks etc.

Maintenance was significantly reduced compared to last year due to committee members doing all the grass cutting and road repairs, and a lucky year for mower repairs (no spend at all this year). The amount we did spend went on petrol, gas, wood stain and paint, and on small consumables for the building.

Special notes

The bank balance remains almost the same at the end of 2025 and is healthy at over £10,000. There are however a few things to note: the lawn mower is ageing

and not really sufficient for the 3 acres of grass (a new one could cost £4000 plus); donations this year amounted to over £2500 and are not expected next year; the Summer Fair normally generates about £3000 and may not take place in 2026 (a new coordinator and more volunteers are needed); “fixed costs” of about £2000 are anticipated for 2026. Further costs could result if we decide to expand/change the facility useage given the Lydford Foxes departure in 2025.

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