

Pencaitland Day Centre

Annual Report 3rd June 2026.

This report covers the financial year 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026.

We have had another successful year are again financially stable year for the coming year. This year we applied for two East Lothian Council Grants hoping to secure at least one of them. The one we have had for the past 4 years and the EL Council Partnership Fund. We were awarded a grant from Year 5 &6 of the Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund Programme administered by the Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL). This year they awarded us our requested sum of £11,000 to cover our rent and transport costs for the financial year 26 /27. The fund was allocated for two years this time to cut down on administration and we will receive the same amount in March 2027 to cover us for the next financial year. Like last year while it seems like a generous amount it will only cover those costs. As we still have quite a bit of Miss King's donation we did not ask for additional funds for outings and extras but as the cost of living increases we will be reviewing that decision. As we now have a guarantee of the funding from the Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for 27/28 as well we are able to plan. As always there is no guarantee that this fund will run beyond that..

The revenue we take in from our members on a weekly basis mostly covers the cost of lunches and entertainment. As we agreed in our end of year report last year and as a condition of our grant we again made applications to other grant funding bodies We applied to CORRA but were unsuccessful. We will continue to look for alternative funding again this coming year.

Summary of transactions 2025/2026.

Income

Grants: £11,500

Lunches: £6,060- this is again an increase on the previous year as we have managed to increase our member numbers again

Raffle: £832.00 - this is again an increase as we have more people taking part.

Donations: £ 570.00 (this includes £220 from the Ritchie family £50 from the Dale family and £35.00 from Shopafrolic)

Income over all areas for 25/26: £19,267.00

Expenditure

Food Costs: £2725.58 This has increased this year due to rising food prices. This also includes additional food spent on events.

We continue to allow a £5 petrol allowance in recognition of the cost of living expenses. **Total £200.00** This remains the same as last year.

We no longer pay £2 per week for laundry for the tea towels and cloths from the kitchen as Dot very generously does this every week at no cost. This has saved us a total of £83 this year and for that we are very grateful and would like to pass on thanks to Dot.

Our biggest expenditures are again for:

Transport: Total £5443.00 a slight decrease because we used ACTaxis for our trips and that expenditure is included in Outings

Rent : Total £2653.00 an increase on last year of £500 as the Council increased the rent for the hall.

Entertainment: £440.00 this is an increase of £100 as most of the entertainers have increased their prices due to the cost of living increases. However we still get value for money and we do have a couple of people who do not charge us.

Outings: £2537.75 This includes our summer and Christmas outing to Milestone and our trip to the theatre.

Christmas: £1084.07 I have included this as a separate entry this year. This helps if we are using information for grant applications and includes our trip to Eskmills, The Stair Arms and our party in the hall.

Expenditure over all areas for 25/26 was £18423.80

In summary:

It is important that we continue to try to get grant funding to allow us to comfortably cover our expenditure and to ensure we are able to offer the quality of experience to our members in the coming years. We have tried to increase the variety of the activities we finance to ensure that we are still offering a great experience that you will all enjoy.

As of the financial year end - 31st March 2026 we had **£37618.70** in the bank. This includes our grant for 2026/27 as it was paid before the 31st March so we carry it over. We have spent more money in 2025/2026 and the difference between our income and expenditure has decreased. This year we are carrying forward £843.20. However this means that we have managed to maintain the bank balance at a constant annual level.

It is projected that if our current level of spending is maintained we will still have enough funds to be secure into 2027/2028 in the event that we were unable to successfully access grant funding. However we will continue to seek grant funding to ensure that this is the case.

Chairperson:

Anne Robertson 3rd June 2026

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Treasurer:

Myra McCabe 3rd June 2026

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Secretary:

Rhona Bauld 3rd June 2026

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