

INSCH INSTITUTE -- ANNUAL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

YEAR END 30 NOVEMBER 2025

We have had another productive year at the Insch Institute. Hall lets income has increased from last year showing a 34% increase. This follows a small increase year ending 2024.

We have faced significant expenditure again this year with fabric repairs. We primarily upgraded electrical fittings, with new heaters and LED automatic lighting. Some painting work was also undertaken. Repair work costs totaled £7600. We also have a continued list of fabric repairs which will be dealt with as the opportunity arises. Current main issue is roof damage following the severe snowfalls of this past winter. We had around 2 feet of snow lying at one time. This has resulted in slate, sarking and gutter damage to the rear of the building.

Heat and light costs have thankfully reduced again this year with costs dropping to £6371 from £7762 in year ending 2024.

The Institute continues to offer rooms and facilities, to let, for a multitude of groups in the village and the surrounding area. These groups carry out a wide range of activities. The Institute offers these facilities at very competitive prices and the building continues to be an asset to the village and the community as a whole.

The building also continues to be used by Aberdeenshire Council as the local library, and the bowling green continues to be used by Insch Bowling Club. Aberdeenshire Council announced late 2024 that they would withdraw the library from our building, but, thanks to a strong village effort, Aberdeenshire Council decided to continue with the library in its present location.



Bryan Harper

Chairperson Trustees