

## Finance and Fundraising Report

Like many other community organisations, Lordship Hub has had its share of financial challenges in the past year. Alongside increasing costs and a more challenging fundraising landscape, our trading income (from our café and room hire) was significantly impacted by necessary works carried out on our building. We are so grateful to all who responded to our Crowdfunder appeal to help us replenish our reserves last winter. This put us in a much more resilient position during our quiet season.

We received a couple of grant income streams towards the end of last year, the most significant of which was the funding we received from the National Lottery's Community Fund for our 'Lordship Hub for Everyone' project. More info on this project available here (<https://lordshiphub.org.uk/home-page-posts/hub-awarded-lottery-funds-for-community-work/>) which aims to get our membership more active and involved, and to encourage a wider mix of local people into the Hub. We continue to apply for grants for various different projects, as well as aiming to generate a surplus in our trading income this summer so that we are in a better position going into this year's winter months.

Pending approval at our AGM on Sunday May 17th, our Annual Accounts for 2025-26 will be published online and will be available on the FCA Mutuals Register, as well as on our website.

If you have any fundraising, grant-writing or finance skills, our finance group would love to hear from you!  
Contact Nóra at [office@lordshiphub.org.uk](mailto:office@lordshiphub.org.uk) to register your interest or to ask any questions you may have.



## Membership – COME & JOIN US!

As a community cooperative, everything we do is shaped by the people around us. We aim to offer things our local community needs, enjoys, and finds useful — and that starts with you.

We currently have 68 members and would love to welcome more. Your ideas, input, and involvement help us create a warm, welcoming space that truly belongs to everyone.

We're looking for:

- Your ideas and feedback
- Your involvement, as much or as little as you can give, in your own time
- We particularly welcome active members – get involved in one of our working groups or the Hub board

Membership from as little as £5 per year

To find out more or sign up, visit our website: <https://lordshiphub.org.uk/get-involved/membership/>

### Why become a member?

- Have your say — Each member gets a vote on major decisions affecting the Hub
- Stay informed with newsletters & member updates
- Join our member events — meet others, relax, hear what's happening, share ideas, or get involved in practical projects
- Take part in our Annual General Meeting and even stand for the board if you'd like to

### Additional Benefits:

- Enjoy a free hot drink a week (tea, herbal tea or instant coffee)
- Get free use of the music system and projector when hiring the hall
- Be entered into an annual lottery to win 3 hours of free hall hire at the end of the year

## Exhibitions

The Hub Cafe exhibited a wide variety of local talent over the past year, including an exhibition of the Hub's own Watercolour Group and Botanical Drawing Class. The Cafe exhibition space is free to use for a calendar month and we take no commission on sales but a donation is always welcome. If you could like to exhibit in 2027 please contact: [joanhcurtis51@gmail.com](mailto:joanhcurtis51@gmail.com).



Work from the Hub Botanical Drawing class, Outsider Creatives and the Hub Watercolour Group

LORDSHIP HUB CO-OPERATIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 17 May, 2-4pm at the Hub

Come along to join in the discussion about the future of Lordship Hub and share your opinions



Hub Activities

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025-6 Board's Report for the AGM

Lordship Hub Co-op  
Community building in every sense

## Report from the Chair - May 2026

We have had another fabulous year at Lordship Hub Cooperative, welcoming hundreds of people into our cafe, classes, events and volunteering opportunities every month. A big thank you to all who are part of our vibrant Hub community!!

Many people use the Hub and do not realise that we are a community-run cooperative and think we are funded by the Council. We do work in partnership with the Council by providing toilets and a café for park users, but we are actually self-supporting through income gained by the café, room hire, occasional external grants and of course donations from generous users. Some parts of the building had to close during the spring/summer for vital repairs and improvements works carried out by the Council for which we are very grateful. There was an impact on the Cooperative's regular income but fortunately these losses were somewhat offset by an incredible response to our crowdfunder which raised £7,000 – thank you to everyone who donated.

We have had a lot of discussion in the past year about engaging more people both in Hub activities and in helping to run the Hub more generally by becoming active members of the Hub cooperative. We were delighted to obtain a National Lottery grant to improve some Hub facilities and to extend and energise our membership base in order to engage a more diverse cross section of our local community who we do not reach at present. The grant has meant we have been able to employ one more part timemember of staff to increase community engagement.

To celebrate the successes of the last 12 months and plan the year ahead, we are inviting all Hub users, volunteers and cooperative members to join us on Sunday 17th May. Join us from 2pm for free refreshments and a chance to meet other Hub supporters.



## Room Hire

This year we're pleased to report that our total room hire income from November '24 to October '25 was £58,242.50 (not allowing for staff/building costs). This includes private hire, community hire and free use.

Private hire included bookings such as birthday parties, baby showers and christenings, alongside regular bookings from local teachers, facilitators and community groups. We continue to offer reduced rates for community groups delivering low-cost or free activities, in line with our commitment to keeping the Hub accessible and welcoming for all.

A key part of our ethos is to provide affordable and inclusive classes for both children and adults. This year, we've been especially proud to support activities such as Children's Yoga, Capoeira and Uptop Dance, which offer young people a fun, creative and mindful outlet each week. We have also introduced a Kids Art & Film Camp and workshops, giving children additional opportunities to take part in creative activities during school holidays.

We've continued to host a range of valued community groups. This includes The OK Foundation who provide free food distribution and support on Thursdays alongside our weekly coffee morning. Regular activities such as the *Songs of the Land Choir*

and Music in the Café bring people together and help strengthen a sense of community.

Between April and September '25, in our busiest period, Haringey Council carried out essential works, including toilet refurbishment and a new roof and decking for the terraces which meant that the Hub had limited facilities at times and had to close completely at other times. To maintain consistency for Hub users, we prioritised regular classes and paused most private hire during this period. This resulted in a noticeable loss of income. However, following the reopening of the Hub in September, we were able to gradually restore room hire activity and recover some of the lost income.

Regular seasonal dips in bookings - such as in August when many people are away and when shorter winter days mean the Hub operates reduced hours - continue to present an ongoing challenge for room hire income. Alongside the disruption caused by building works, this has highlighted how important consistent bookings are to the Hub's overall sustainability.

As always, the Hub remains a space open to new ideas. If you're interested in running a class or community activity whether it's a one-off workshop or a regular programme, please do get in touch or pop in to speak with us. We're always keen to support new initiatives and help bring ideas to life, especially during quieter periods.

## News from the Hub Cafe

Financially it was a bit of a mixed bag in the cafe this year. We did really well in March and April '25 and ok in May '25 until the building works ran over time which affected us badly. It was only in March this year that we took the kind of income needed to keep the cafe viable. On the bright side, the cafe now has a lovely dry veranda.

A lot more young people have volunteered at the weekends, getting important work experience and injecting youthful energy into the Hub at the same time. It has

been a real pleasure seeing them flourish.

Some of our previous volunteers came back which is great and we've been really lucky to get people volunteering who have been dedicated and enthusiastic. The Cafe staff team is working together really well and is passionate about making great tasting food and providing something for everyone range wise and price wise. We are looking forward to the summer and rest of the year feeling cautiously optimistic.



### Free Thursdays

On Thursdays the Hub Cafe is given over to the OK Foundation to run a food bank and Free Food Hub. We also run a free coffee morning for older people .

## Volunteering

Volunteering is a key part of what makes Lordship Hub what it is. As a community centre supported by volunteers, we depend on their time, energy and commitment to keep the space welcoming, active and inclusive. We take care to match people with roles that suit their interests and skills.

We currently have 60+ volunteers contributing across a wide range of roles, including the café, leaflet distribution, gardening group, event support, and the



One of our volunteers helping out at our Easter Egg Trail event

## Hub Events

Our community events remain a key part of the Hub's work, creating opportunities for people to come together, celebrate, and connect. Due to building works this year, we were unable to host some of our usual events. Despite this, we delivered a strong programme and also supported additional events with the Friends of Lordship Rec, including the Tottenham Flower and Produce Festival and Wassail. Our events included a Valentine's luncheon, Easter Egg Hunt, Mother's Day High Tea, children's

Hub Board. Their support allows us to run day-to-day activities and deliver events enjoyed by the local community.

Some volunteers join us on a regular weekly basis, while others contribute through one-off events or seasonal activities. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, plays an important role in shaping the Hub's friendly and vibrant atmosphere.

This year, we have seen an increase in young people (aged 16-25) volunteering in the café, particularly during this challenging economic climate. Many have gone on to secure job opportunities, which we are very proud of. Being able to offer people a space to

build skills, gain confidence, and feel genuinely welcomed is an important part of what we do. We believe volunteering should be accessible to all. Whether you're new to volunteering or bring years of experience, there is a place for you at the Hub.

All volunteers receive free Hub membership for one year, which includes a vote in Hub decision-making and invitations to member only events, such as the Volunteer Christmas Party.

Interested in getting involved? Visit our website and head to the **Get Involved - Volunteering** section to complete the volunteer form. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch

## Park News

The Hub is a key facility for all park users, and helps to ensure that the people of Tottenham are attracted to come and enjoy Lordship Rec, Tottenham's largest park. We serve as the base for the Friends of Lordship Rec who organise activities and volunteer working groups helping to maintain, litterpick and co-manage the park and its various features (orchard, lake, river channel, woodland etc). They've had a really busy year, including coordinating the Tottenham Flower and Produce Festival last September. They are currently liaising with the Parks Service over planned improvements to the children's playground.



craft workshops during half term, Halloween lantern making and spooky walk, Fireworks Night, wreath-making workshops, and our Festive Fair. We also hosted a number of special events, including an International Women's Day "Power of Pause" workshop, independent cinema screenings for Black History Month, and for Mental Health Awareness Week. While these events are not primarily income-generating, their real value lies in bringing together a wide range of people and strengthening the Hub's reputation as an important cultural space within the community.