

HENFIELD CRICKET CLUB

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-2025

This has been a record financial year both in terms of income and expenditure. The paying of match fees and subscriptions across the board raised over £13,000 and was a huge improvement. I am very grateful to all our very generous sponsors, in total £4000, for their continuing support but the standout figure for the year was the bar profit at over £12,000 which is a record sum. Many thanks to Richard and Tracey Dale and the bar team for their hard work. The excellent summer was the root cause of this year's success and showed that bar income is one of the critical planks of our annual income. The fund set up in memory of Conway was well supported with a total raised of over £2800 and we also received a further £2000 in grants.

Your committee made the decision to invest in the infrastructure of the ground and pavilion this year and the main projects undertaken were as follow: new carpet tiles: upgrading the interior and exterior lighting to be more energy efficient: refurbishment of the bar and kitchen for which the club owes a huge vote of thanks to Graham Slade and Colin Hayllar for their superb work - new pitch covers: a new bowling machine and, at long last, a greatly improved carpark, a quarter of which the club paid for. This totalled £25,500. I think that the club now has facilities and ground equipment better than many other much bigger clubs, for which we should feel justly proud.

As much as I am delighted with this year's financial performance and the state of the club's finances, I am always wary of getting carried away with expenditure. Running the club is always hugely expensive and unexpected costs can occur at any time and next season's weather might not be as kind to us as it was in 2026. So, prompt paying of subs and match fees and supporting fundraising activities and using the bar as much as possible is vital.

Nicholas Blake - Treasurer

