



REPORT TO APCM April 2024

The Trust, set up by the PCC, is responsible for managing and maintaining the St Andrew's Centre. It is a registered charity with a main object of promoting and enabling well-being in our local community through the use of the Centre. The trustees are Malcolm Fry, Carol Muhr, Philippa Probert, Laura Ramsay, Judy Sharman, David Spring, Richard Taylor and Rod Willis.

- Provisional figures for 2023 show a loss of £1,273. Gas costs have more than doubled from 2022 (£2,436 vs £1,175) and electricity is up by c.32% (£1,461 vs £1,102). Both have had a significant impact on the profitability of the Centre. See the accompanying financial summary.
- £6,284 was paid by the Trust to the PCC at the year end for gas, electricity, water, buildings insurance, other shared expenses and a portion of the Church Administrator's salary as set out in the financial summary.
- Currently the 2024 budget shows a loss of £1,850. To address this, the trustees are striving to increase hire income through rises in hire charges for users who in the past have been paying a half-hall rate and by finding new hirers for vacant periods, particularly on Fridays and Saturdays.
- The boiler is proving unreliable and expensive to maintain now it is over 10 years old and will likely need replacing in the next couple of years.
- The trustees are looking at refurbishing the toilets to make them brighter and more welcoming.

Richard Taylor

Chairman of Trustees