

NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 18th November 2025.

PRESENT Chairman: Councillor Craig Martin.

Councillors: Suzanne Brown, Margaret Caygill, Jackie Gregory, Maureen May, Patrick Driscoll, Dennis Hall, Darren Hawkes, Chris Veitch.

County Councillor: Craig Martin.

Clerk: David Murrell.

The Chairman commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Item 1. 25/114 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Graham Watson who was not able to attend due to work commitments.

Item 2. 25/115 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Craig Martin declared interests as a County Councillor and as a Trustee of Park View Academy. Councillor Chris Veitch declared an interest as Chairman of the North Lodge Remembrance Group. Councillors Jackie Gregory and Darren Hawkes declared interests as members of the North Lodge Remembrance Group.

Item 3. 25/116 Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

Strategic Place Plans Programme

Durham County Council have opened up a consultation for Chester-le-Street's Strategic Place Plan. I'm not really sure what makes this different from previous plans. But I encourage everyone to contribute.

North Lodge County Councillor Throw Out of Chester-le-Street Meeting

Having been invited to a meeting concerning projects to develop Chester-le-Street, Councillors removed me from the meeting. Citing how as a County Councillor of a ward named 'North Lodge' I do not represent those from Chester-le-Street.

Following on from this, council officers have given a commitment to provide me with personalised briefings, if other councillors do not wish to sit in the same room as the representative of North Lodge. It is deeply disappointing how tribal other county councillor's across Chester-le-Street are being.

In addition, a) re the ejection of the County Cllr from the meeting, Cllr Hawkes had concerns that the report did not accurately reflect events. This was answered by the County Cllr. Cllr Hawkes then asked that his concerns were recorded in the Minutes, b) Cllr Gregory reminded the meeting that Go North East had stated that new buses would be provided on the number 21 service by late

2025 yet old buses were still being used. The County Cllr kindly agreed to chase this up with the bus company.

Councillors thanked the County Councillor for his report.

Item 4. 25/117 Adoption of Minutes of Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st October 2025, draft copies of which had been previously circulated, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 5. 25/118 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

Remembrance Services

I had the huge honour of attending and laying a wreath on behalf of the parish council at Chester-le-Street's Remembrance Sunday Service. Another fantastic event and incredibly proud seeing so many young people taking part in the parade.

Massive thanks to Cllr Veitch and the rest of the North Lodge Remembrance Group for the beautiful displays. It really does make our community stand out. I'm also grateful for Cllr Brown, at my request, wearing the chains of office and laying a wreath on 11th November.

Councillors thanked the Chairman for his report.

Regarding outstanding matters -

- a) Re Minute 25/106. Re the Vigo Lane speed limit petition, the County Cllr confirmed that it had now been submitted to Durham County Council and Gateshead Council.
- b) Re Minute 25/106 section d). Re the County Council's dirty bus shelter at Picktree Village, the County Cllr advised that the complaint to the County Council had been made by a resident and the County Cllr would continue to liaise with that resident.
- c) Re Minute 25/109 section b). Re safety of firefighters, Cllr Veitch advised that he was not aware of any local issues at Bonfire Night this year. Cllr Gregory kindly agreed to ask the Police if there were any recorded incidents.
- d) Re Minute 25/109 section i). Re possible direction signage to Low Flatts play area, Councillors agreed that this should be an Agenda item for the January 2026 meeting of the Council.
- e) Re Minute 25/113 section a). Re the standard of facilities available for Council meetings in the School, Cllr Gregory suggested that the Council might buy better tables for the room. Cllr Gregory will research prices to put to the Council a formal proposal for funding.

Councillors agreed to take Agenda Item 8a next.

Item 8a. 25/119 Parish Council Budget Setting including the Establishment of a Community Improvement Fund

The Chairman invited Cllr Veitch, the Finance Portfolio Holder, to introduce this item and he explained the objectives behind the preparation of a draft four-year cashflow forecasts which had been prepared by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Clerk and himself and had been previously circulated to all Councillors. A discussion then followed of the three cashflow options presented for consideration, all of which included a new Community Improvement Fund, and in addition the County Cllr explained the criteria for accessing funds from his Neighbourhood Budget. From this discussion, Councillors were in agreement that the Precept for 2026/27 should be an increase of £6,500 over the current year and that social media posts must be made to explain to residents the reason for the increase including that this would be the first increase since 2018/19. It was recognized that this would be a large percentage increase of 16.76% yet would entail an increase in charge of just £5.28 (10.2p per week) for the average Band D property for the whole year and

this would allow the Council to continue to make improvements to the living and working environment of the Parish.

(Resolved on a unanimous show of hands - to set a Precept of forty-four thousand, two hundred and twenty-six pounds 20p for the financial year 2026/2027)

The Finance Portfolio Holder and the Clerk together are to draw up social media posts to present to Councillors for approval.

The Agenda for the January 2026 meeting will include an item providing the opportunity for Councillors to put forward proposals requiring funding from the Community Improvement Fund.

The Vice-Chairman thanked the Chairman, the Finance Portfolio Holder and the Clerk for all their work in producing the cashflow forecasts.

Item 6. 25/120 Portfolio Holders' Reports

a) Communications and Media Development

Cllr Veitch's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

Since the October Meeting there have been posts relating to the following placed on our social media.

- Informal Remembrance Service at North Road on 11th November Armistice Day
 - Remembrance message 9th November on Remembrance Sunday
 - Burglary Prevention information
 - Consultation on Strategic Plan for Chester le Street and Crook
 - Annual Competition for Young Musicians
 - Fireworks Safety
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The Chairman thanked Cllr Veitch for his report.

b) Crime and Community Safety

Cllr Gregory's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

Police.

Crime.

For recorded crimes in the North Lodge Parish area - please refer to the website, Police.uk

Northlands Roundabout, November 2025

Road Traffic Incident involving two vehicles.

One person in a Toyota Aygo was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Two males and one female in the other vehicle, a Volkswagen ID.4 were arrested on suspicion of theft from a shop. Enquiries still ongoing.

Community Safety.

Speed monitoring vehicle has attended Blind Lane at various time during the month. Data to be published in due course.

Operation Drive Insured.

The annual operation, organised in partnership with the Motor Insurers' Bureau, sees Roads and Armed Policing officers carrying out extra patrols to detect and seize uninsured vehicles across the force area.

Checking a policy could save a lot of stress and expense. If you're not sure about your insurance status, check the following website for free: mib.org.uk/DriveInsured

Operation Dark Night.

This operation has seen more than 80 drivers' eyesight checked across the force area so far with the majority passing the test of being able to read a number plate from 20 metres away.

However two drivers, could not pass the standard and had their licences revoked under *Cassie's Law*.

As the dark nights draw in, now is the perfect opportunity to arrange appointment with your optician should you have concerns regarding your sight.

It is your responsibility as a driver to make sure your eyes are fit for the road every time you get behind the wheel.

www.gov.uk/driving-eyesight-rules

(Cassie was 16 when she was tragically killed by a driver who had failed an eyesight test just days earlier. Under this legislation in Cassie's name, drivers who fail a roadside number plate test could have their licence revoked on the spot if a police officer deems them to be unsafe to be on the road).

Scams.

Buying a property.

City of London Police and Action Fraud are urging the public to remain vigilant following a rise in conveyancing fraud.

Criminals impersonate solicitors or estate agents to intercept large financial transfers during a property transaction.

Data for 2024/2025 shows reported conveyancing fraud totalled £11.7 million

For more information refer to [Actionfraud/police uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call Action Fraud using telephone number 0300 123 2040

Crime Prevention.

Winter nights - please make sure your property is protected.

Consider using light timers when the property is unattended.

Consider closing blinds or curtains as darkness approaches.

Always check that windows and doors are closed and securely locked.

Please make sure garden sheds are secured.

For further information contact Durham Constabulary/Crime prevention.

Recruitment.

12 new PCSOs will take part in a full training course before pairing up with dedicated mentors and joining their new teams in December.

Outstanding Contribution to Road Safety award.

A team from Durham Constabulary dedicated to investigating serious and fatal collisions has been recognised for their outstanding commitment and drive to reduce road deaths.

For all emergency calls, please use telephone number 999

For non-emergency calls, please use telephone number 101

For further information, please refer to Durham Constabulary's social media accounts.

Co Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS).

Smoke Alarms.

Keeping the communities safe is CDDFRS top priority. That's why every household should check that there are working smoke alarms in their property.

Please test the alarms weekly and if you don't have one, contact CDDFRS as firefighters are happy to install them for free through Home Fire Safety Visits.

Check in on their neighbours—especially those who are elderly or live alone. Offer to test their alarms or help them arrange a safety visit with their local fire crew." Keeping communities safe is a top priority.

To arrange a free Home Fire Safety Visit, including the testing and fitting of smoke alarms, please call 0345 223 4221 or visit the CDDFRS website.

For emergency telephone calls, please use telephone number 999

For more information, please refer to CDDFRS's social media accounts

Durham County Council (DCC).

Road Safety Lessons.

DCC road safety team has been working alongside partners to remind young people of key road safety issues. Durham Constabulary and County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service

have delivered sessions about the risks young people can face as passengers either in a motor vehicle or on a motorcycle.

Street Lights.

As the darker nights draw in, keeping DCC roads well-lit becomes even more important for safety and peace of mind. DCC manage and maintain 84,000 street lights and 5,500 illuminated traffic signs across the County's roads.

You can support DCC by letting DCC know if you spot a street light that is not working at: doitonline.durham.gov.uk/service/street_lighting

Vacancies.

DCC has vacancies for a wide range of jobs at the Council.

You can find details of all DCC's current vacancies and how to apply on our website:

<https://ow.ly/IHk450W0VP9>

To contact DCC by telephone, please use telephone number 03000 26 0000

For more information please refer to DCC's social media accounts.

In addition, Cllr May advised of a recent incident at North Lodge, Lambton Park. Cllr Gregory kindly agreed to ask the Police for any information that they could provide.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gregory for her report.

c) Finance

Cllr Veitch's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

I have inspected the financial information supplied to me by the clerk and can confirm that everything appears correct.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Veitch for his report.

d) Highways and Community Assets

Cllr Driscoll's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

The monthly bus shelters inspection was carried out on Wednesday the 12th of November. All the shelters appeared to be in good order, with a large leaf clearance undertaken in all shelters, which was necessary due to leaf fall building up in adverse weather.

In contrast to this, there was no seat cleaning required, just the usual washing and drying of the glass cabinets.

In addition, a) Cllr Driscoll had also had a conversation with a resident re the County Council's dirty bus shelter in Picktree Village, b) Cllr Gregory reported that there were several matters requiring attention by Durham County Council Highways Department or National Highways at Northlands roundabout and the motorway roundabout. The County Cllr kindly agreed to take this forward.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Driscoll for his report.

e) Horticulture

Cllr May's report included the matters contained in her written report, below -

SUMMARY

WINTER BEDDING

The winter bedding has now been planted

QUEEN'S CANOPY TREES

The Queen's canopy trees (3) have been given full permission for planting. However, there is a slight delay as we are waiting for a more complex map of the planting site from Durham County Council, plus the outcome of consultation with nearby residents in Ambleside Court (c/o County Councillor Craig Martin)

LONGDEAN PARK SHRUB BED

Longdean Park shrub bed was once again earmarked for refurbishment but unfortunately again has now been put on hold for the foreseeable future.

BUDGET SETTING 2026/2027

Discussion took place at the Sub Group Meeting. Suggestions will be brought to the November Parish Council meeting.

In addition, the County Cllr advised that the consultation with residents re the planting of the three trees in Vigo Lane had now been completed. There had been no objections raised.

The Chairman thanked Cllr May for her report.

f) Meetings of Partnership Organisations

Although there was not at present a Portfolio Holder, Cllr May continued to attend CDALC meetings on behalf of the Council.

g) Picktree Village

Cllr Brown's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

It was an honour to represent NLPCOUNCIL and lay our wreath on Remembrance Day on 11th November. Pouring rain did not dampen the tribute to our fallen and was a moving reminder that we must never forget the sacrifice that gives us all the freedom we have today. Thank you to Councillor Chris and all those involved in organising this very special event
Onto Picktree village. The south bus shelter is in a disgustingly filthy state. Cleaning is the responsibility of DCCouncil and surely must be on a cleaning schedule. I have spoken at length to residents about this issue and I know that DCCouncillor Craig has investigated the matter. I understand that DCCOUNCIL do not seem to regard this job as necessary as bus shelters with greater footfall. This is disappointing. So NLPCOUNCIL will discuss a possible solution in the near future Residents can be assured that the matter will not be dismissed as unnecessary.

Thank you to residents who regularly clear litter from the Lane. This action is much appreciated. Lambton Estates is holding a residents meeting in the near future to gain views about a proposal to build 800 new homes. The proposed site is not known yet but may or may not effect the village. Information will be read when available.

Autumn colours of the mature trees around the village have been spectacular this year and show the old and new buildings in the village at their best.

One blight on the lane is the fenced off bungalow near Bonemill Lane that has been demolished and the site levelled. Work appears at a standstill but I will monitor progress and keep residents informed.

Two refurbished and greatly extended properties In Norwood and behind Picktree House are nearing completion. An asset to the desirability of living in the village.

Speeding and commercial vehicles remain the priority concern for all residents in the village.

In addition, Cllr Brown provided an update on the planned additional houses at Lambton Estate and Cllr Hawkes hoped that consideration would be given to reducing the speed limit on the main approach roads to the houses' new access point.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Brown for her report.

h) Planning

Re planning application DM/25/02772/FPA, Cllr Hawkes advised that the County Council Highways Department had raised no objections,

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hawkes for his report.

i) Play Areas

Cllr Caygill's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

MERLIN DRIVE

All equipment appears to be in good order.

LOW FLATTS

All equipment appears to be in good order.

Still no progress with new signage.

Needs to be raised again with DCC.

Decision needed on directional signage.

In addition, re new signage at Low Flatts Play Area, the County Cllr kindly agreed to chase this up. The Chairman thanked Cllr Caygill for her report.

j) Policy and Governance

Cllr Hall's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

LGA: Neighbourhood Governance

The English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill will require local authorities to 'secure the effective governance' of neighbourhood areas. In addition, we know that many local authorities are considering their neighbourhood governance provision in view of Local Government Reorganisation.

The Society for Local Council Clerks defines community governance as “the way in which people and organisations work together and independently, making decisions for the benefit of the local community.” A related concept is that of 'hyperlocal governance’, which [IPPR North](#) refers to as “community-based approaches below the local authority level”.

For the purposes of this hub, we will draw on both definitions, identifying neighbourhood governance as the way in which people and organisations work together through formal structures, below the local authority level, for the benefit of the local community. Neighbourhood governance can take place in a range of ways, from town and parish councils to neighbourhood area committees, citizen juries, resident associations and others.

Neighbourhood governance hub (4 November)

This online hub highlights good practice by local authorities and their partners in the delivery of neighbourhood governance.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/devolution-and-lgr-hub/neighbourhood-governance-hub>

Parliamentary Papers: Town & Parish Councils

Role of town and parish councils: (20 October)

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cdp-2025-0194/>

Town and parish councils were first established by the [Local Government Act 1894](#). The [Local Government Act 1972](#) restructured local government within England and Wales, providing the legal foundation for the existence of today's parish and town councils. Parish councils can decide to call themselves 'town', or 'community', 'neighbourhood', or 'village' councils. Parish and town councils are represented by the [National Association of Local Councils](#) (NALC), and by county-based associations.

Parish councils are not a mandatory tier of local government and do not exist in all parts of England. They have traditionally been less common in urban areas, though a parish council can cover either a whole town or city or a neighbourhood within it. Currently, roughly 40% of the population of England lives in an area with a parish council.

Local government reorganisation

The government has no plans to restructure parish and town councils. Responding to a [written parliamentary question on 17 June 2025](#), the government said “Parish and town councils are not in scope for local government reorganisation and will continue to operate as they do now.” the [English Devolution white paper](#) that relates to local government reorganisation says that the government “will expect new councils [unitary authorities] to take a proactive and innovative approach to neighbourhood involvement and community governance so that citizens are empowered.”

English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

The [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill 2024-25](#) was introduced into the House of Commons on 10 July and had its [second reading on 2 September](#).

Closing the debate the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution, Jim McMahon, acknowledged calls “on behalf of town and parish councils” but felt that “neighbourhood Area Committees, led by frontline ward councillors” are the best route to achieve “A simplified and standardised system of local area-working and governance.”

Speaking at the Local Government Association’s annual conference in July, former MHCLG minister, Alex Norris [warned against recreating two-tier structures via parishes](#).

The following provisions in the bill may impact town and parish councils:

- Neighbourhood area committees

Clause 58(3) of the bill allows the government to bring forward regulations setting out “specified organisational structures for the governance of neighbourhood areas”.

Regulations have not yet been published, but in a [written statement on 3 June 2025](#) the government outlined their plans for neighbourhood area committees, led by ward councillors with other service providers (such as parish councillors, where they exist) as members. The committees are intended to “support local authorities to deliver their commitments to community partnership-working at a neighbourhood level.”

- Community right to buy

Clause 60 and schedule 27 of the bill would replace the current ‘community right to bid’ with a ‘community right to buy’. Nominating community groups (including parish councils) would have first right of refusal when an [asset of community value](#) is put up for sale, meaning that the seller will be required to accept the community group’s bid as long as the conditions set out in the bill are met. Under the current system, community groups and parish and town councils can nominate a property to be listed as an asset of community value. When it is put up for sale, the group is allowed time to develop a bid and raise the money to bid to buy the property, but the seller is not required to accept the community group’s bid.

20 Local audit

Clause 61 of the bill will establish a Local Audit Office which, according to a [written question answered by the government on 29 April 2025](#), is intended to appoint auditors to smaller bodies (such as parish councils) “in the long term”.

Currently, parish councils with an income and expenditure under £25,000 are not subject to annual audit, but must still appoint an auditor, who is responsible for investigating any allegations of mismanagement. This category of parish councils is also subject to the requirements of the [Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities](#)

Member Standards: New Government Proposals:

Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England 11 November 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-the-standards-and-conduct-framework-for-local-authorities-in-england>

In summary, Government intend to legislate for a whole system reform of the current regime as set out in Localism Act 2011. The measures will include:

- the introduction of a mandatory code of conduct, which will include a behavioural code, for all local authority types and tiers
- a requirement that all principal authorities convene formal standards committees, to include provisions on the constitution of standards committees to ensure objectivity, accountability and transparency
- the requirement that all principal authorities offer individual support during any investigation into code of conduct allegations to both the complainant and the councillor subject to the allegation
- the introduction at the authority level of a 'right for review' for both complainant and the subject elected member to have the case reassessed on grounds that will be set out in legislation
- powers for authorities to suspend elected members for a maximum of 6 months for serious code of conduct breaches, with the option to withhold allowances during suspension for the most serious breaches and introduce premises and facilities bans either in addition or as standalone sanctions
- in response to the most serious allegations involving police investigation, or where sentencing is pending, the introduction of powers to suspend elected members on an interim basis for an initial period of 3 months which, if extended, will require regular review
- a new disqualification criterion for any elected member subject to the maximum period of suspension more than once within 5 years
- the creation of a new national appeals function, to consider appeals from elected members to decisions to suspend them and/or withhold allowances, and for complainants if they consider their complaint was mishandled. Any appeal submitted will only be permitted after complainant or elected member has invoked their 'right for review' of the local standards committee decision has been invoked and that process is completed

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hall for his report.

k) Project Development, Business and External Relations

Cllr Veitch advised that the projected installation date for the Remembrance Artwork was now April 2026. Cllr Martin advised that here was nothing further to report.

Councillors thanked Cllr Martin and Cllr Veitch for the report.

Item 7. 25/121 Correspondence

1) From County Durham Association of Local Councils

- a) Notification of CDALC Smaller Council Forum to be held on Thursday 20th November 2025.
- b) Email re elections for Executive Committee.

2) From Durham County Council
Letter re Tax Base 2026/2027.

3) Various planning applications, approvals and refusals from Durham County Council, of which the following applications were within North Lodge Parish:-

- a) Application for 2no. attached building signs to east and north elevations plus site signage at commercial vehicle and car park access points from Drum Road, at land to the west of Drum Industrial Estate, Drum Road.

b) Application for front porch, demolition of rear conservatories with internal alterations, single-storey rear extension and balcony area plus iron gates and brick pillars with associated landscaping, at 5 Ash Meadows.

Item 8b. 25/122 Proposals, Reports and Requests for Consideration

Health and Safety Concerns from Fallen Apples on North Road

Cllr Gregory outlined the problems being caused by fallen apples from two trees on North Road. The County Cllr kindly agreed to seek a site meeting with the County Council.

Item 9. 25/123 Payment of Accounts

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries	£ 664.56	Salaries November 2025	
Expenses	£ 115.00	Expenses November 2025	
Makepeace Landscapes	£ 1976.51	Horticulture November 2025	£329.42
Madhouse Media Ltd	£ 90.00	Domain Renewal Fee	£ 15.00
S E Harrison & Sons	£ 156.00	Christmas Tree for Picktree Village	£ 26.00
Total of Above Payments	£ 3002.07		

Payments Made by Debit Card and Direct Debit

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
ANS Group Ltd	£ 46.25	Monthly Subscription - Nov 2025	£ 7.71
Morrison Supermarkets Ltd	£ 12.00	Batteries for Tree Lights	£ 2.00
Amazon.co.uk	£ 19.99	Printer Ink Cartridge	£ 3.33
Total Card and D/D Payments	£ 78.24		

(Resolved - the payments be approved as submitted).

Item 10. 25/124 Other Matters for Information

a) Cllr Veitch thanked all those who had taken part in the Remembrance Group's event on Armistice Day.

b) Cllr May outlined a project for new tree lights at Picktree Village which will be presented in detail to the Council in due course.

c) The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everyone for all their hard work over the year.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

North Lodge Parish Council

Accounts for the month as submitted to the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th January 2026.

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Makepeace Landscapes	£ 192.00	Erecting Christmas Tree	£ 32.00
Makepeace Landscapes	£ 192.00	Taking Down Christmas Tree	£ 32.00
Craig Martin	£ 203.00	Chair's Quarterly Allowance	
Society of Local Council Clerks	£ 200.00	Annual Subscription	
Madhouse Media Ltd	£ 480.00	Annual Website Hosting Fee	£ 80.00
Total of Above Payments	£		

Payments Made by Debit Card and Direct Debit

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
ANS Group Ltd	£ 46.25	Monthly Subscription - Dec 2025	£ 7.71
ANS Group Ltd	£ 46.25	Monthly Subscription - Jan 2026	£ 7.71
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 585.30	P.A.Y.E.	
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 250.89	Employer's N.I.C.	
Post Office Ltd	£ 40.80	Postage Stamps	
Total Card and D/D Payments	£		

Balance to 30th November 2025

Balance b/f	£51243.85	Balances at Bank:-	
Deduct Payments - Nov 2025	£ 3002.07	Community Account	£ 687.44
	<u>£48241.78</u>	Commercial Instant Access	<u>£47653.47</u>
Deduct Card and D/D Payments	£ 78.24	Total	£48340.91
	<u>£48163.54</u>		
Add Bank Interest Received	£ 27.12	Deduct cheques not yet presented	<u>£ 156.00</u>
	<u>£48190.66</u>		
Deduct Bank Charges	£ 5.75		
	<u>£48184.91</u>		
Balance c/f	£48184.91		£48184.91

One cheque not yet presented -
£156.00 cheque number 1688 dated 18/11/25 payable to S E Harrison & Sons for Christmas Tree.