

Milton Creek Country Park Trust - 2026 AGM

Fundraising Report

During the Financial Year ending on the 30th of September 2025 the Trust raised a further £29,950 in grants towards the cost of completing the interior and installing two disabled access ramps. We received £24,300 from Asda Foundation, £5,000 from the Cornwallis Masons and £650 from SBC.

Private donations, gift aid, fundraising events, craft sales, lottery and interest contributed a further £2,456,06.

As expected the bid for £9,815 to the B&Q foundation was not successful as our project was not a particularly good match to their criteria. The 2024-2025 bid for a SBC Community Infrastructure Grant was also unsuccessful as the fund was very oversubscribed (but I can confirm that the Trust has been awarded £10,000 in its 2025-2026 accounting year).

About £38,000 was spent during the year completing the fitting out of the interior. The volunteers did a lot of the work, including installing the kitchenette but most of the expenditure went on employing contractors to do the electrics, suspended ceiling, heating and flooring.

Most of the work still required is external and fundraising during the current financial year has successfully secured sufficient funding to enable the Trust to engage a contractor to install the ramps and hard landscaping. Unfortunately, the weather has delayed this work but in the meantime a number of people wanting to use Space have approached the Trust.

Since the end of September, as well as being used by the volunteers for a Halloween Pumpkin Carving event and the ever popular Rustic Reindeer Workshop, Space is being hired out to a wide variety of Community groups and private individuals. SBC ran a bike sale and recycling event, the local Community Police are holding monthly surgeries, another charity Out to the Woods are holding monthly Wilder Wellbeing workshops for the over 55s and a lady silversmith has started up running silver clay jewellery making classes. The local Home Education group have booked a session to try it out as a venue for a new Logo Club and an arts and crafts group, that used to meet at the Barge Museum, are getting together on the 3rd Monday of each month. Income from these bookings will go some way to pay for the annual running costs.

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