



Report for 2025 Annual General Meeting

The charity is required, under the charter, to hold an Annual General Meeting for the purposes of reporting the activities of the charity and to allow the people of Watton to elect new trustees. Anyone over the age of 18 who resides in Watton may vote.

It is a requirement of the charities governing document that all trustees stand down at the AGM and then seek re-election if they wish to serve again. Trustees are unpaid and may not sell any commercial services or goods to the charity or otherwise have any financial benefit from their work with the Loch.

The board is comprised of four elected trustees and up to three additional trustees who may be elected or seconded.

The present board consists of:

Pat Warwick (Chair) / Scott Gibson / Laura Tigue / Tomos Hutchins¹ / Chris Walker / Scott Alexander / Phil Kibler

The work of the trustees is important in both the physical care of the Loch but also the administration, fund raising and liaison with local authorities.

The existing Governing Document is somewhat outdated as it makes reference to several organisations who used to use the Loch but no longer exist. We will re write the document and submit it to the Charities Commission for ratification so that the charter is in keeping with Watton and Loch Neaton as it is today and not 50 years ago.

The past 18 months has seen the completion of the D Day memorial Rose Garden, renewal of several Fishing Platforms and completion of a new Picnic Platform at

¹ Tomos Hutchins is appointed to represent Watton Town Council



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the Dereham Road end of the Loch. This was funded by a donation from Tesco's blue token scheme.

Removal of seasonal weed from the Loch continues to be a problem and unfortunately there is no permanent solution to this other than regular removal during the growing season. Our use of Blue Dye in the water to reduce the red light from the light spectrum has helped and we will continue with this in 2026.

Breckland District Council awarded us money from their section 106 fund for some benches, new heavy duty litter bins and a basketball post and net. This will be erected in the early spring of 2026 when the ground is more stable.

We would like to express appreciation to four of our hard-working volunteers, Rob, Morgan, Keith and Teresa who have all undertaken a substantial amount of maintenance work at the Loch.

We would also like to thank Watton Town Council for their continued support in funding the grass cutting at the Loch.

The coming year will see general maintenance at the Loch, but we do not yet have any major construction projects scheduled, and our efforts will be focussed on ensuring all existing facilities are up to scratch.

In conjunction with the Sports Centre, we will be erecting new signs that mention both the Sports Centre and the Loch so that potential visitors know where we are as we often hear comments such as "I had no idea Loch Neaton was there!"

Our full accounts will be published in January on our website, but the Loch's finances are sound with approximately £6700 cash on hand as of today's date.

The Loch costs approximately £1800 per year to run so we are in good shape, but we will start a crowd funder page in the new year to try and raise additional funds to support our work.



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2024 / 2025 Financial Year	Total
Operating Income	
Direct Public Support – Corporate Contributions	£ 443.90
Fishing Ticket Sales	£ 446.67
General Income	£ 500.00
Interest Income	£ 62.73
Total for Operating Income	£ 1,453.30
Cost of Goods Sold	
Loch Equipment	£ 66.90
Printing and Reproduction	£ 31.90
Repairs & Maintenance	£ 1,309.48
Sundries	£ 4.99
Utilities (Waste Disposal)	£ 570.60
Total for Cost of Goods Sold	£ 1,983.87
Gross Profit	-£ 530.57
Operating Expense	
Accounting Fees	£ 115.20
Advertising And Marketing	£ 100.00
Insurance - Combined Liability	£ 339.60
IT and Internet Expenses	£ 97.55
Other Expenses	£ 500.00
Printing and Stationery	£ 18.95
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 169.24
Total for Operating Expense	£ 1,340.54
Operating Profit	-£ 1,871.11