

Dear Friend of the Hogarth

As the days grow shorter and Autumn's wonderful colours begin to encircle us, we report the many highlights of the past three months which include delivery of our flagship Summer Programme and four-day residential, two successful grant applications, completion of the first phase of the centre's external refurbishment, the appointment of a sixth trustee and multiple engagements with key stakeholders.

PROJECT 2026 (Youth Programme 2026)

This year's Summer Programme ran from 20th July to 13th August. Led by Denny Anthony, its safe delivery called upon a team of fifteen experienced youth workers: Billy, Chantelle, Chloe, Desmond, Harrison, Henry, Jesse, Lennox, Naomi, Rochelle, Sanitta, Shelliann, Tasharne and the team's youngest recruit Winter. Accommodating the needs of over 300 young people and their families and carers, we thank them all for delivering an exceptionally high-quality holiday programme. In feedback, many parents commented how professional, warm and welcoming the team were throughout. Indeed a number of parents asked if the programme could be extended to the end of August!

Planning for the Summer Programme started in December 2025 to ensure staff availability. In February, input from young people highlighted appetite for more offsite trips, art, cooking, and the table tennis competition. To qualify for HAF grant support a detailed programme then had to be submitted by the end of May. Striving to build awareness of the opportunity and expand our reach, this year the programme was advertised more widely at eight local schools, two housing estates, Chiswick library, Sainsbury's and on various Hounslow council and social media platforms.

Activities at the Centre included art, candle-making, drama, music production and various sports. Each of the Tony Heap Basketball Cup and the Carol Heap Football Cup were hotly contested by more than 50 young people. Shelliann cooked delicious and nourishing meals for all attendees every day. Offsite activities included trips to Activate (Westfield), Babylon Park (Camden), Coral Reef (Bracknell), Grippid (Staines Road), Kayaking (Osterley Park), Toca Laser Tag (Park Royal) and Virtual Reality (Woking). Hundreds of young people and their families also attended our Community Fun Day which offered arts and crafts, a bouncy castle and photo booth.

We concluded the Summer Programme with a residential trip, for the first time to Norfolk Lakes, an activities centre run by Manor Adventure. This venue was chosen as the most suitable and best value for money following a recce trip by Denny and Chantelle in March. A record thirty-five young people (eighteen boys and seventeen girls) enjoyed four fun-filled days away from home. This required ten youth workers, four minibuses and the Charity also purchased 25 sleeping bags. Activities included aero-ball, axe-throwing, canoeing, caving, paddle boarding (single and group), raft building, rock climbing and ropes. As is the tradition on the third night of our summer residential, all attendees enjoyed a super fun dinner, this time at Cosmo, an 'all you can eat' buffet restaurant in Norwich. The food was varied and so delicious that many youngsters enjoyed several courses! On our residential trips, young people really build personal confidence, form new and lasting friendships and many happy memories whilst their families and carers enjoy a very welcome break. Once again, we thank all our generous sponsors and donors for making such an ambitious trip possible for so many young people.

In all, our Summer Programme served more than 300 young people. Attendances in July and August of 1,430 increased 14% on the same two months in 2025. The average daily attendance in July and August 2025 was 49 young people with a record number of 101 participants on one day with many days close to that figure. Fresh records were also set for monthly attendees (July: 267) and attendances (July: 907) – both the highest in any month since our detailed records of the youth programme began in 2017.

By the end of September, the youth team has delivered 148 days of uninterrupted youth service comprising over 5,300 hours of working for and with young people. There are 47 days remaining in PROJECT 2026 which will include two further holiday programmes at the end of October and December. As a reminder, we only charge £1.50 per attendee, even during the holidays for a full day of activities, excursions, a hot and nourishing meal and everything on the residential trip. We do this to ensure that no young person is left out, but it places pressure on our funding model. The only limit to the scale and reach of our youth work is **funding - so please consider supporting us as either an individual donor or business sponsor.**

FINANCE AND FUNDING

Centre Revenue & Costs

The Centre continues to attract a very diverse range of community orientated activities. Thus far this year our Centre Manager Dani Karas has licensed space to 60 very diverse user groups. Without much of a headwind, we should reach a new record for license fees of £190,000 in 2026 which is more than double the level back in 2018. This will enable a material transfer of the Centre's annual cash surplus to our Youth Programme in 2027 (PROJECT 2027) which should fund almost half of its anticipated costs. We still have some unused capacity in our two halls for large group events, especially during weekday mornings – if interested please contact Dani for details.

We continue to build the number of one-off and regular donors. Thus far in 2026 more than forty generous people have supported our work with young people. Everyone has choices and we thank them for choosing our charity. Please consider a one-off or regular donation and encourage your friends to join you (<https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/donate/>).

The board regularly monitors all expenditures and is pleased to report that both the Centre and PROJECT 2026 are running very close to their respective budgets which is a credit to both Dani and Denny.

Grants & Sponsorships

On 13th July, Councillor Amy Croft visited the Centre to present the charity with a cheque for £4,141. We thank Amy again for choosing our charity as one of two to support whilst Mayor. <https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/sponsors-and-donors/>

HAF grants from LBH enable us to provide hot and nutritious food to all our holiday programme attendees. The application process is extremely thorough, rigorous and competitive. It also places welcome external scrutiny on our work with young people. Our application for HAF support for our Summer Holiday Programme was successful. Total HAF grants received in 2026 are £34,137 (vs. 2025 £35,673).

In early September, Denny applied to the London Mayor's Youth Fund Partnership for funding support. His application for material funding support during both 2027 and 2028 was successful. The targeted outcomes of this project resonate perfectly with our youth work and include improved physical and mental health through discussion workshops to raise personal confidence and address adolescent issues, mentoring young women and encouraging healthier eating to reduce obesity.

We continue to apply for multiple grants outside of the borough and have thus far applied for thirty-seven. It is unsurprisingly an incredibly competitive landscape. Three have been successful, sixteen have been rejected and we are waiting to hear from eighteen other applications with more submissions to follow before year end.

CHARITY MATTERS

The council's appointed contractors successfully completed the first phase of external refurbishment to the Centre in early September with more details on this project on <https://hogarthtrust.org.uk/project-brighter-futures/>. We thank the lead contractor Greyline for completing phase one so professionally and we look forward to completion of the second and final phase of works in summer 2027.

We are very pleased to confirm the addition of a sixth trustee, Rashee Kapoor, a local resident who brings valuable business and commercial experience. The Charity's networking powers were also enhanced earlier this year with the appointment of its first patron, Andy Slaughter MP.

In September our Accounts Manager, Jamilla Amra, filed our 2025 Report & Accounts with UK Companies House and the UK Charities Commission following their examination by our accountant, Colin Airey of George Hay. Our Report & Accounts are available on our website.

Stay well and thank you for your continued support

The Trustees, Youth Team, Centre Staff and our many hundreds of young participants



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