

Report to the Annual General Meeting of Lavenham Parish Council
To be held on Thursday 15th May 2025

Lavenham Community Hub CLT Ltd

We are happy to report that the Trust continues to flourish at 2 Lady Street. The footfall into The Hub has increased by 15% over the past two years to an annual figure during the past year of 6,307 people. The annual footfall into the Post Office was over 7,000.

We realise that not everyone has access to the internet therefore it has long been our wish to produce something to distribute outside the village encouraging visitors to come to Lavenham. This year, with the knowledge and backing of the Parish Council, we have worked with a publisher to produce, and to print, such a brochure. The feedback we are receiving from other Tourist Offices, Hotels and visitors is very encouraging.

Sadly the loss of suitable venues has resulted in cancelled fund raising events. We hope to be able to arrange more during this year. On a new venture two local residents, both Volunteers who have much experience in guided tours, are hosting visitor tours from The Hub on a Tuesday afternoon from April through to October.

Our Easy Fund Raising fund is working steadily to raise funds for the Trust. We thank all who support us and would urge more residents to join the scheme. It is a painless way to help us keep the building open.

At our pitch at the Classic Car Show we were proud to launch the Wool Towns Walk. This is a route linking all the Wool Towns of West and Mid Suffolk, compiled by Clare Walkers and Sudbury Ramblers, broken into four individual walks.

We welcome new people to join us as a Trustee or as a volunteer in our friendly and enthusiastic team. More volunteers would enable us to open for longer hours and/or more days.

Membership of the Trust is open to all members of the community. Application forms are available from the Hub at 2 Lady Street.