



Our main sources of income (from members' pockets) are membership fees, match fees and tea fees we levy on our opponents (as their contribution to teas we provide). In principle and to break even, that money should in turn cover our main costs, being the purchase of kit, ground hire fees and the costs of providing teas and/or paying for teas provided by our opponents. In the analysis below I describe these elements as core income and expenditure respectively.

	Income	Expenditure	Net Effect	Balance
<b>Opening Balance</b>				<b>£4,147.68</b>
Core Income / Expenditure	£4,067.00	£5,270.24	-£1,203.24	£2,944.44
Bank Charges	£0.00	£34.00	-£34.00	£2,910.44
Nets	£160.00	£252.00	-£92.00	£2,818.44
Tour	£2,025.00	£2,212.00	-£187.00	£2,631.44
Awards Dinner	£335.00	£299.00	£36.00	£2,667.44
Felix Roper Golf	£729.00	£695.50	£33.50	£2,700.94
Other Income/Expenditure	£16.00	£325.94	-£309.94	£2,391.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>-£1,756.68</b>	<b>£2,391.00</b>

Observation from this analysis are: -

- So we can see that we spent £1,203.24 more than we collected, but given that £1,200 of those costs includes the 2024 ground hire fee, the reality is that over 2025 our costs outweighed income by just £3.24 – the conclusion being that we effectively broke even and carry no debts as we close the accounts for 2025.
- We did make a loss on both nets and tour, as shown above (commentary below).
- But on the other hand we made small profits on both the awards dinner and Felix Roper Memorial golf event. The profit on the awards dinner were earned when the set fees of £25 per head I collected more than covered the bill. Profit on the annual golf match against FFTMCC were earned when Waterstock offered us a small discount on tee and breakfast fees that they had originally levied.
- Other income/expenditure is detailed in the summary, where our OCC affiliation, the cost of a first aid course for Alex and our public liability insurance account for the lion's share of ancillary costs, and the small "golf trophy donation" came from golf event fees collected by Keith Ponsford in 2024 that he in fact did not need to spend.

Now that the apparent overall deficit is explained, I will make a few more pertinent observations: -

1. There were 26 adult members (£40/head) and 2 junior members (£20) in 2025
2. Indoor nets were poorly attended in 2025, with eight people attending one of the three sessions, six people attending two of the three and only four people attending all three sessions.
3. The deficit from the tour is explained by the provision of 14 beds for two nights (£77/head) and 14 tickets to the Somerset T20 (£100/head), when only 13 members took part
4. Kit expenditure of £292.24 was for match balls and a scorebook
5. Web-site costs of £103.18 are for hosting and the isscc.org.uk domain registration.
6. Apart from the aforementioned 2024 Queen's ground hire fee (£1,200), which we settled this year, our 2025-specific ground hire costs (£2,625) are off-set only slightly by ground fees contributed by opponents (£130), but together this then explains the somewhat startling figure of £3,772 shown in the summary. The following table itemises the matches for which we paid that £2,625 in 2025: -

Queens		Stanton St John		
Date	Fee(£)	Date	Fee(£)	
Sun 11/5 - Grays Green	£ 144.00	Sun 20/4 - Hospitals	£ 125.00	
13/5 - Hospitals	£ 120.00	Sun 01/6 - Stonor	£ 125.00	
25/5 - FFTMCC	£ 144.00	Sun 22/6 - Charity Day	£ 125.00	
03/6 - UOH	£ 120.00	Sun 13/7 - Moreton	£ 125.00	
25/6 - FFTMCC	£ 120.00	Tue 05/8 - OUP	£ 100.00	
01/7 - Oxfam	£ 120.00	Sun 10/8 - Astons	£ 125.00	
08/7 - Wolvercote	£ 120.00	Others		
15/7 - Bartlemas	£ 120.00	Sun 04/5 - Minster Lovell	£ 160.00	(Freeland)
17/07 - Alpine F1	£ 120.00	Wed 11/6 - Middleton Stoney	£ 25.00	(Axbridge)
22/7 - Appleton	£ 120.00	Wed 18/6 - Appleton	£ 20.00	(Freeland)
24/7 - OXA	£ 120.00	Sun 06/7 - Axbridge	£ 50.00	(Stanton Harcourt)
03/08 - Clapham	£ 144.00	Tue 12/8 - Gully	£ 20.00	(Middleton Stoney)
		Sun 17/8 - West Badon	£ 80.00	(Appleton)
		Sun 24/8 - OUCC	£ 35.00	(OUCC - Marston)
		Sun 07/9 - Middleton Stoney	£ 25.00	(Middleton Stoney)
	£1,512.00		£1,140.00	

7. The costs of weekend cricket at Queens are now £298 per match in ground hire and teas. From this we only recuperate approx. £143 in match fees and tea fees charged to the opponent, a deficit of approx. £150 per match.

Alongside our regular cricketing pursuits in 2025, we also successfully supported Luke Hamer-Brown's causes (being My Name's Dobby and the MND Association). The summary shows that we added £1,863.70 to his GiveAsYouLive page at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/luke-hadrians-wall-challenge>, where that donation can be seen. This total came from our charity quiz (£845.84), our charity day (£845.05), tour fines (£52.81), the Fantasy League (£70) and Dropped Catches (£50). The last statement balance in the summary does not include this final transaction of the season.

### **Proposal: Membership and Match Fees for 2026**

Nick kindly copied me on dates he has proposed to both Queens and SSJ for 2026 and assume costs stay the same in 2026, this represents ground fees of £2,573, which will increase if and when we are charged piecemeal fees by opposition. But together, this is pretty much aligned with 2025 costs, and to that end I am proposing that membership and match fees for 2026 are kept broadly the same, but with a couple of subtle changes: -

1. Match fees will be £8 per match, regardless of whether it is a 20-over or 40-over match
2. Concessionary match fees will be £5 per match, also regardless of the format

Membership Fees: £40, Concessions (unemployed, junior and student): £20

Match Fees: Weekend £8, Concessions £5  
Midweek £8, Concessions £5

I believe these adjustments will go some way towards covering the increasing cost of teas, while making the payment and collection of fees easier, being a consistent charge for each and every game. It will also off-set to some degree the reduction of income that we experience through the (rightful) selection of junior members at concessionary fees.

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