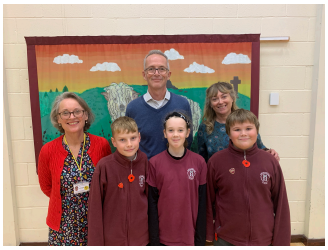
Mary Budding Trust
Chair's report 2025-6

The Mary Budding Trust has been proud to continue its mission to support children (and their families) with additional needs.
It feels that this year has been a more positive one, with some very exciting and worthwhile events.
Horrabridge Primary School pupils are doing some fundraising for us, which is particularly pleasing as they have a great understanding of what the Trust does to support some of their friends.
We had another tree at the Christmas Tree Festival, which raised our profile and prompted some donations through Liz's very crafty QR code decorations hanging like baubles on our tree!
Anne - Marie masterminded a brilliant craft stall with Liz at The Rock, Yelverton Lights event.
A major highlight of the year was the Stannary Brass Band's concert on our behalf. It was hosted by the amazing Angela Rippon, who was really supportive of the work of the Mary Budding Trust.
Our now annual Quiz Night was a complete sell out, with 79 people attending! Will and Elaine Hayes provided some challenging, but fun questions again and were superb at making the whole evening great fun. It was extremely well organised by Sandra and Liz and ably supported by Liz's husband Ian. It was a brilliant and most enjoyable event, both for raising funds and awareness of the MBT.






We are still attempting to move our banking into the 21st Century and get an online account, but this is proving extremely difficult, despite a lot of research.

Meetings
AGM and general meeting Monday 28 April 2025 Upper Barn, Tavistock
General meeting Monday 23 June 2025 Karingal, Yelverton
General meeting Monday 6 October 2025, West Down, Tavistock
General meeting Wednesday 2 November 2025 The Bedford, Tavistock
Quiz planning meeting Tuesday 3 February 2026 The Bedford, Tavistock
General meeting Monday 9 February 2026 Sampford Gardens, Horrabridge

Events and Publicity
Horrabridge Primary School Assembly Wednesday 12 November 2025
Horrabridge Primary School Christmas Fair Friday 12 December 2025
The Rock Inn Christmas Lights Fair Saturday 29 November 2025 (raised £296.40)
St. Eustachius' Church Christmas Tree Festival December 2025
Stannary Brass Band Concert Saturday 13 December 2025 (£800 donated)
Quiz night Saturday 7 February 2026 (raised £688.50)

Financial Summary for 2025-6

Total income for the year amounted to £3354.65 (2025 - £3566.44)

Total expenditure was £2466.45 (2025 - £3831.81)

Profit for the year £888.20. (2025 - £-265.37)

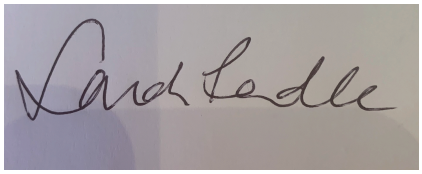
Effective balance at bank £1143.20 (2025 - £10542.00)

(including liabilities)

Thank you

All Trustees continue to work with huge levels of dedication and care, despite their own very busy and active lives and are committed to our vision of "Brighter Futures for Children in West Devon." Each Trustee brings with them a range of expertise and experience that is much valued and the work that is done simply could not happen without them.
Thank you to Sue for her work as Treasurer – a role which is not always easy and carries all our fiscal responsibility.
We have welcomed Anne-Marie as a new Trustee, who has made a huge impact already with her enthusiasm and creativity.
Sandra, who is careful and conscientious about making sure we all know what's going on with Agendas and Minutes and keeping me straight, thank you.
Jo, thank you for your wisdom and experience in guiding us through some complex cases.
Liz has brought great energy and enthusiasm and we are very grateful for her expertise in IT and her attention to detail, especially in terms of publicity, keeping the website up to date and generating flyers and leaflets.
I also have to record our very grateful to Simon Hill for his work on the website and platform. Thankfully, he will be continuing to help us out.

Despite a positive year with many generous donations and some fantastic fundraising by the Trustees, we are still 'sailing close to the wind', with donations slightly down from last year. However, our outgoings were also slightly lower, so on the whole the final financial amount is more positive. We need to generate funds of about £3,000 a year to maintain our current financial status. If we can do this, I believe that we can be confident about the future of the Trust and with the continuing challenges for families and schools the work of the Mary Budding Trust is still very much needed and valued.



Sarah Pendle
April 2026