



# **WDCO REPORT**

## **MANOR HOUSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

**For the period July- August 2025**



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## EMPOWERING

- **Provided free financial skills workshop for teenagers.**
- **Provided cycling courses to help young people to learn to cycle.**
- A new contract agreed with Active Within to provide a range of fitness and sport activities at the RCC beginning March 25

## CONNECTING

- **Collaborating with London School of Architecture and Hackney Showroom on Hidden River Festival and youth pavilion proposals.**
- Connected residents through Kitchen Social activities and exploring resident-led food co-op.

## CREATING THE SPACE

- **Working on bid for pavilion build project with young people**
- Discussion continues with NHG regarding Phase 3 Community Space
- Income from bookings at the RCC continues to exceed targets

## A ROBUST AND SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

- Contract signed with NHG for community development activities on Woodberry Down for 25/26
- Zimmie has now moved on to cover a new job. A new member of staff Cerys Hill will be covering the Taste of Home project 1-day a week.

## INFLUENCING THE POWERFUL

- Meetings held with LBH Cabinet Member for Community Joe Walker pg 6
- Updates on the proposed charity merger of MHDT and LDT are contained on page 6 and in a separate report



# NEWS AND EVENTS: PROJECT UPDATES



## HIDDEN RIVER FESTIVAL

SAT 13TH SEPT 2025

### The Bobby Dazzler Stage

Hosted by Hackney Showroom

- 13:00 Reverend Milo
- 13:45 Speedwagon
- 14:30 DJ Best Boy Electric
- 14:35 Symoné
- 14:35 Milo
- 15:30 Symoné: Workshop
- 15:45 DJ Chu-i
- 16:15 DJ Bukky
- 17:00 DJ Franklin Tam
- 17:45 Ella the Great
- 18:00 DJ Chu-i
- 18:45 Ella the Great

### All Day

- Launch of the Pavilion Stage, featuring special awards ceremony at 16:00 attended by the local Mayor
- Market with street food, artisan goods & handmade crafts, coffee, sweet treats & alcoholic drinks
- Community stalls marquee area with face painting, henna & more
- The Naturalist pub is open with local offers
- FOWD raffle
- Zen Bus

### Circle Stage

- 13:00 Sibillance Jazz Duet
- 13:40 Woodberry Loud Band
- 14:20 Adi Sax
- 15:30 Sunshine Swing Band
- 16:40 Hackney Community Orchestra
- 17:45 Susie's Saucy Sassy Spectacular Seaside Puppet Show
- 18:35 Kah Loca Dance Performance

### Redmond Community Centre

#### Main Hall

- 13:00 Yoga
- 13:30 Bootcamp
- 14:00 Family Fit
- 15:00 Dance Workshop

#### Reception Area 14:00-18:00

- Postcards From the River: Art & Craft Workshop

#### Room 1 13:30-17:00

- Lifesaver Workshops

#### Room 2 13:00-14:00 & 15:00-16:00

- Friends of Woodberry Down Singalongs

#### 14:30-15:00 & 16:00-16:30

- Creative Youth Workshop

#### Library

- All Day Storytelling & crafts

#### Garden

- All Day Quiet Zone



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### Projects

- In July and August we distributed just over 1,500kg of fresh food through Community Fridge (~3,400 meals\*), issued 95 Hackney Foodbank vouchers (~800 meals\*), and supported asylum seekers to cook 375 meals.
- A Taste of Home funding has been continued for another year (May 2026). We have received a slightly bigger budget due to the increase in food costs and an additional £3,000 to revitalise the garden for A Taste of Home participants to grow their own herbs/vegetables to improve wellbeing and use in the weekly cooking sessions.
- The Big Lunch took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, with 50 residents in attendance. This was organised by the Resident Participation Team at Hackney Council. The aim of this event was to bring neighbours (and meet new ones) and the local community together by sharing food.
- We have seen an increase in residents needing food support therefore demand has increased for our community fridge and for Hackney Foodbank vouchers. Staff are providing extra support where they can with ensuring residents are claiming all the benefits they are entitled too and any support for their health and wellbeing.
- We have a dedicated energy advisor from Hackney Light and Power providing energy saving advice every last Wednesday of the month from 2pm-6pm in the social area.
- The annual Hidden River Festival is taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1-7pm with activities inside the Redmond Centre and in Spring Park including musical performances, handmade crafts for sale, a selection of street food trucks and the launch of the pavilion stage. All welcome!
- If you have a creative or artistic idea you want to share with others? Are you a local community member living or working in the Woodberry Down area? We are seeking public activities such as music, performances, community picnics, workshops, or talks that can take place in the Woodberry Down Pavilion from the 14<sup>th</sup> September-5<sup>th</sup> October. You can book the Pavilion for community use, for free. To support your plans you can also apply for a **small grant of up to £250** to help cover costs of an event which is creative, cultural and open to others. To put forward a proposal or book the pavilion for your event go to [www.tinyurl.com/WDPav](http://www.tinyurl.com/WDPav). If you would like further information about the pavilion or community programme, **please email [mat.jenner@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:mat.jenner@hackney.gov.uk) or pop into the Redmond Centre.**

### Neighbourhoods Programme:

- The Woodberry Wetlands action group are currently working towards the next Woodberry Wetlands Neighbourhood Forum which is coinciding with the Hidden River Festival. The forum is for young people (14-19 years old) who live, work, study or who have friends in Woodberry Wetlands. Our aim is to gather insights from young people on barriers to health and wellbeing services, what would be useful if they are on a waiting list for example for CAMHS/neurodivergence assessments, and ideas on what would make local community spaces more welcoming and youth-friendly.

\*based on WRAP food guidelines of 420g per meal





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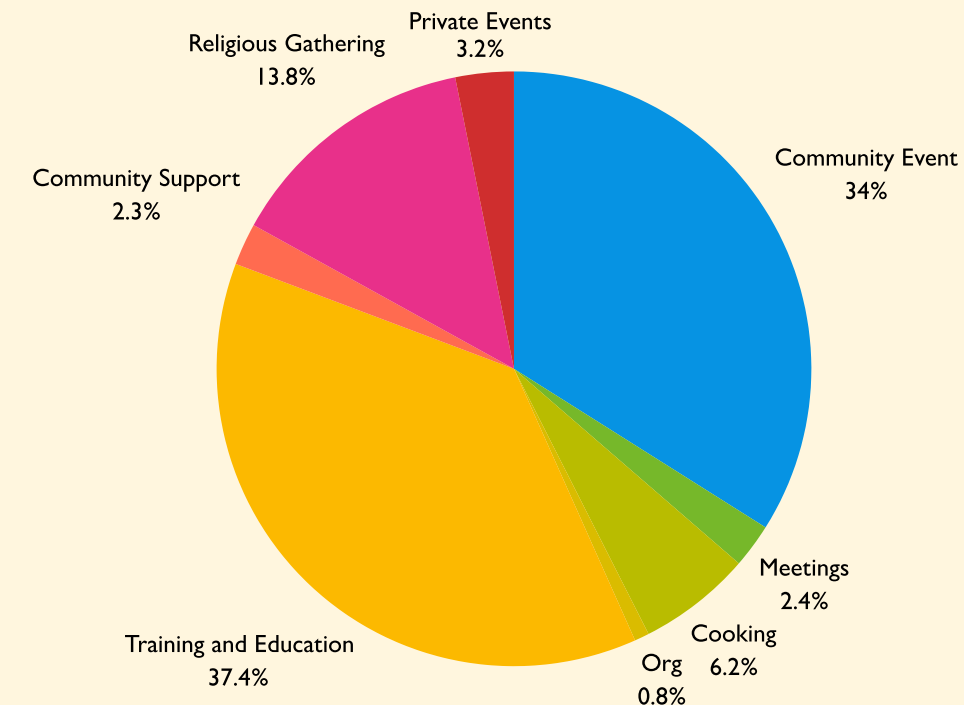
## SUMMARY

- These charts provide data on use of the RCC for the month of July - August 2025. We host different activities, some of which are open to the public, including church services, prayer meetings, exercise groups and community events. Community event represents events that are open to the public for free or at low cost eg: church, youth group, vegetable collection, yoga etc. Community Support events are bookings that provide support for disadvantaged members of the community, e.g. Refugee cooking sessions, SEND support etc.
- The graph at the bottom right illustrates the percentage of the booking type we have at Redmond. Our primary bookings are regular reservations, which occur weekly or monthly and are offered at a discounted rate. LDT Funded bookings will be termed as booking that are funded fully or partially by LDT and no/little hiring fee has been charged for these bookings.
- Our office space is fully utilized, with three rooms currently booked on a monthly basis by Hackney Works, Hackney Libraries and Ek Outreach (shown as office space in the Chart). Additionally, we accommodate private and community events, which may or may not be LDT funded.

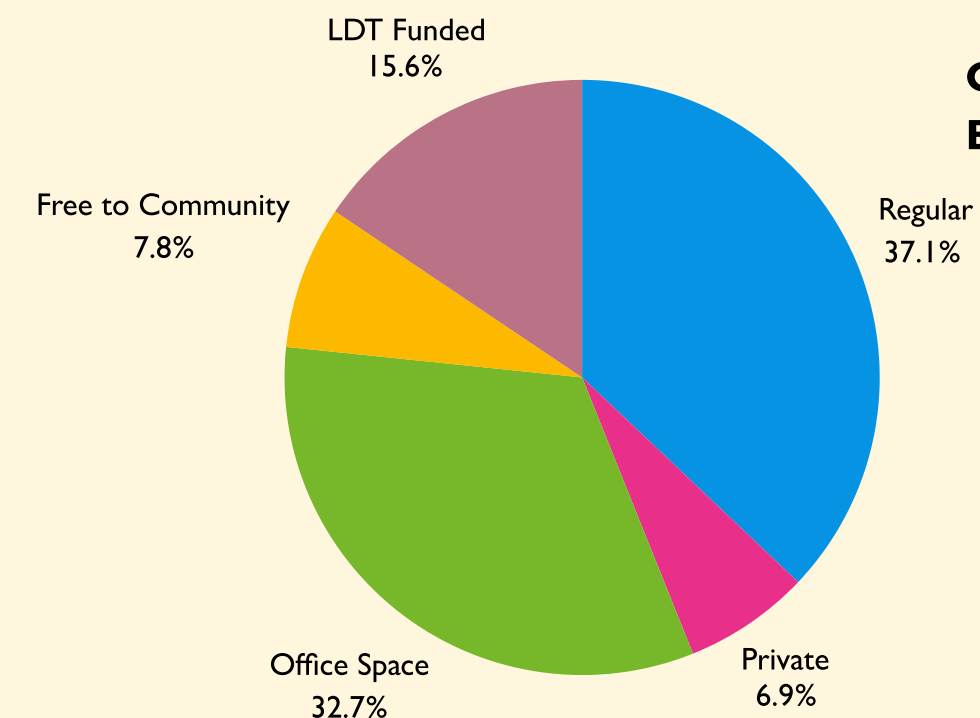


**TRAFFIC (TOTAL ATTENDEES)**  
6500 approx

## CENTRE USE BY ACTIVITY



## CENTRE USE BY BOOKING TYPE





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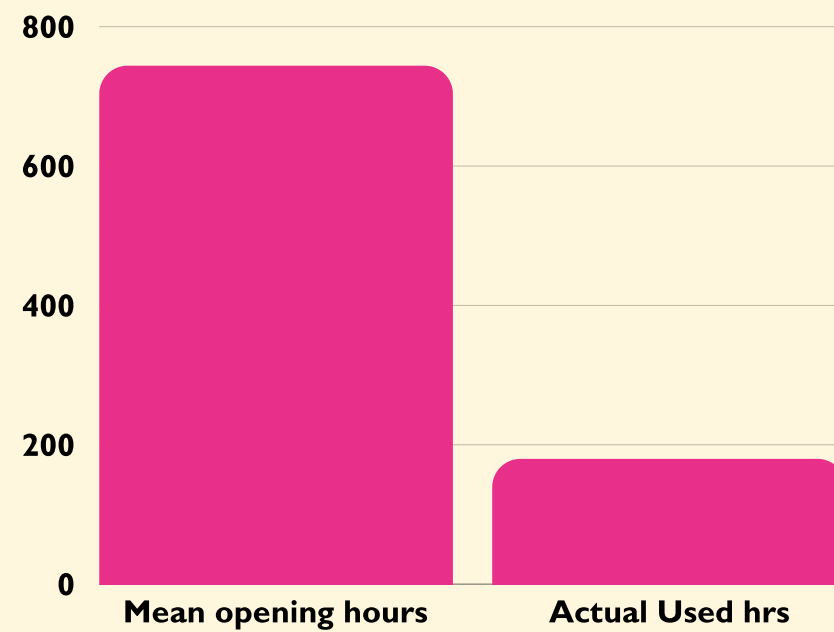


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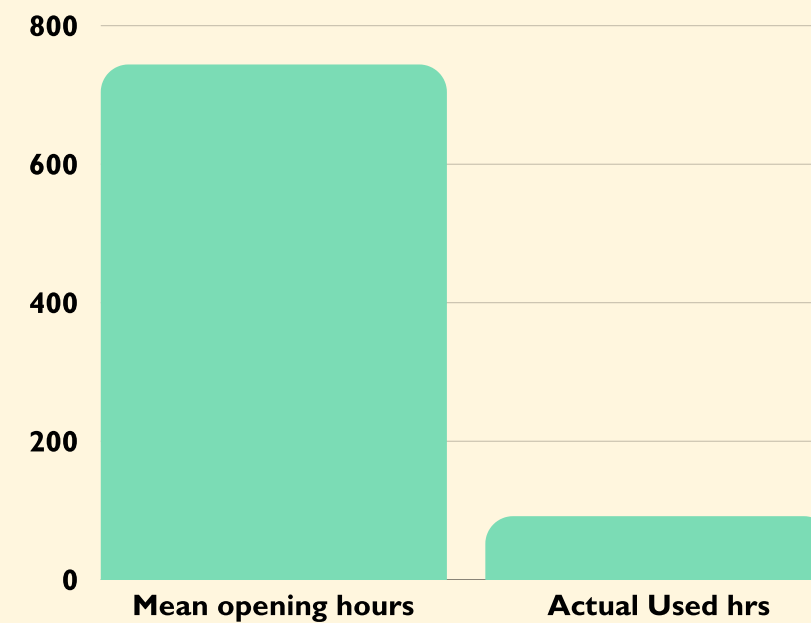


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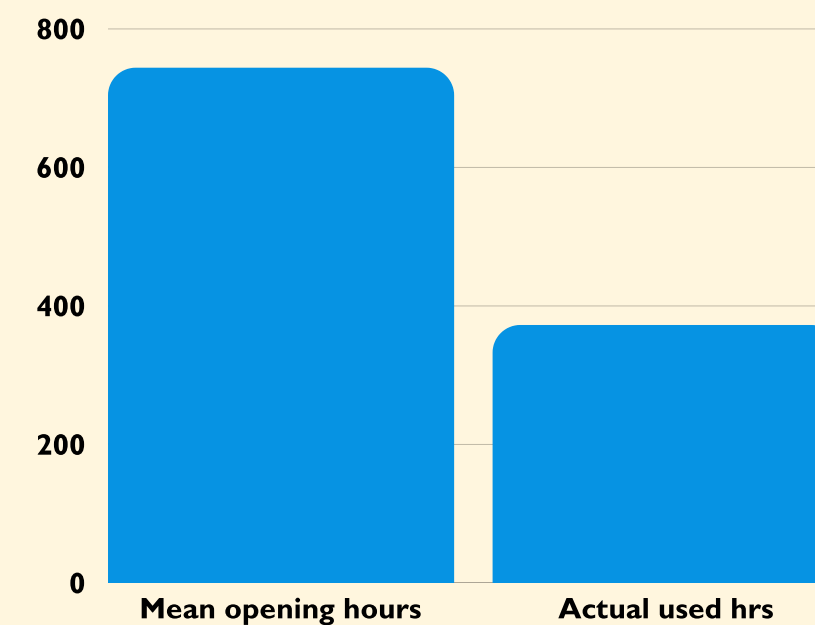
## MAIN HALL



## ROOM ONE



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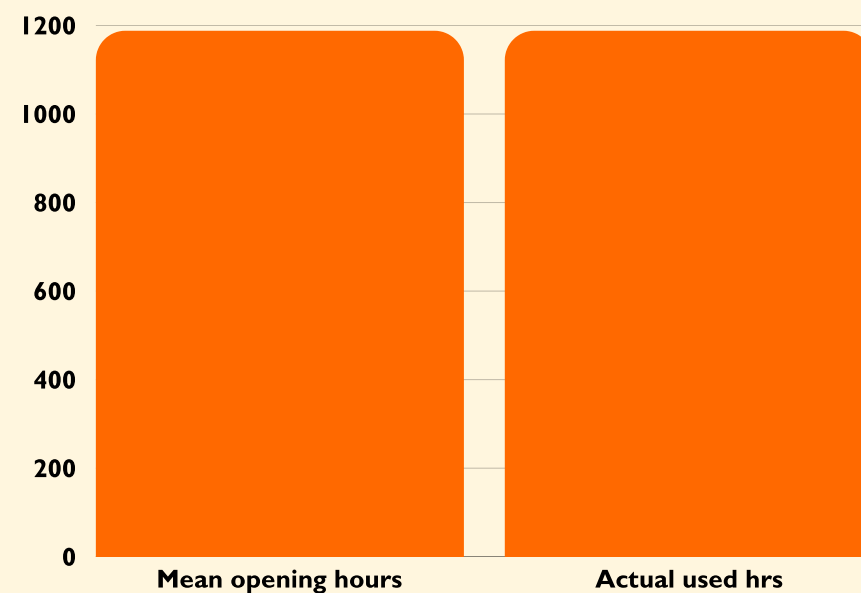


## ROOMS

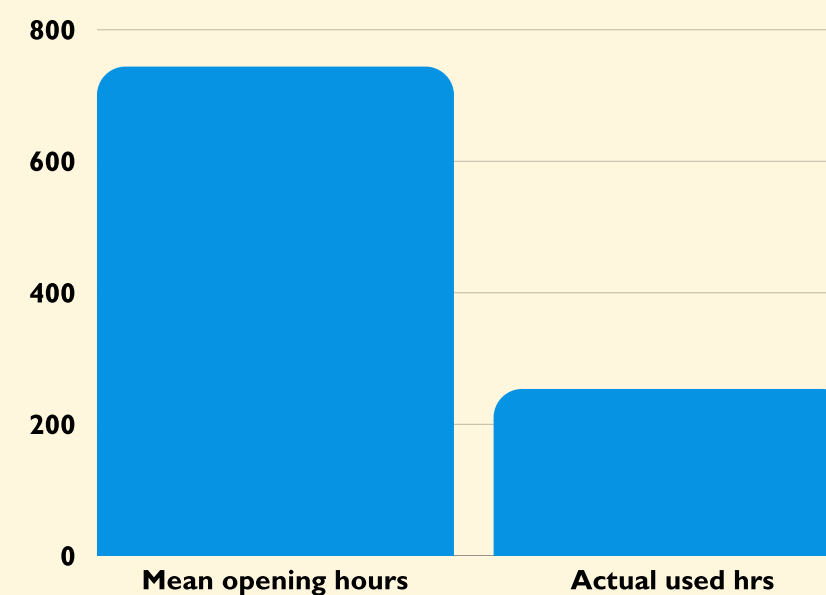
The Mean opening hours indicates hours from Mon-Sun 9am - 9pm for the whole month of July-August. These are the average we are open for the month of July-August.

The Actual Used hours in the bar represents, the hours the room is actually booked. These figures are for the whole month of July-August.

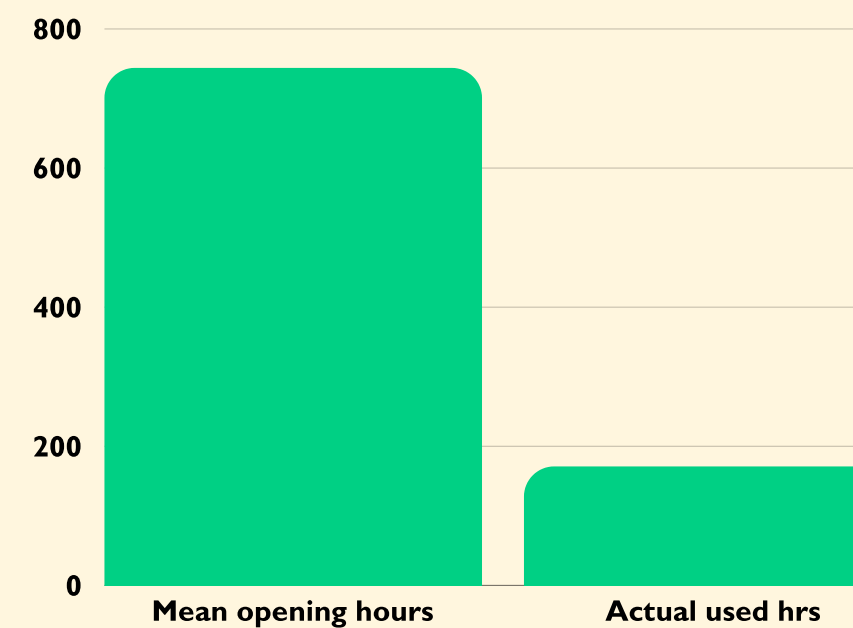
## OFFICE SPACE



## KITCHEN



## GARDEN



Please note, **OFFICE SPACE** is the 3 rooms that are rented by Hackney works, Hackney Library and Ek-Outreach on a monthly basis. Used Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm and thus shown as fully occupied.



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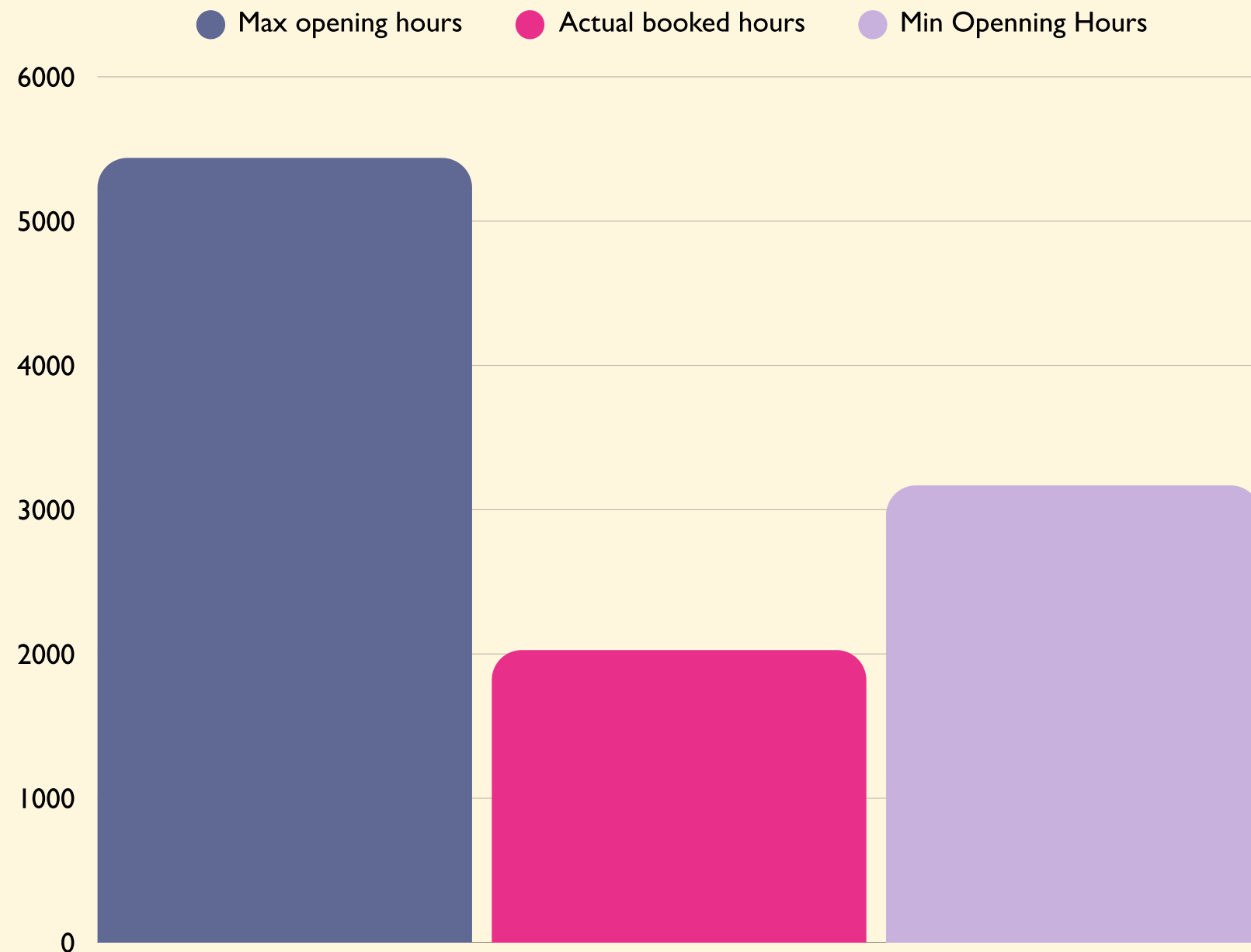


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## TOTAL CENTRE USE: HOURS BOOKED OVER HOURS AVAILABLE TO BOOK (FOR ALL ROOMS/ROOM COMBINATIONS)



## THE GRAPH ON THE LEFT REPRESENTS THE TOTAL USAGE OF THE CENTRE.

The Maximum opening hours indicates hours from Mon-Sat 9am - 11pm and Sun 9am - 9pm for the whole month of July - August 2025. These are the maximum hours we can be open. On average we close between 9 pm and 9:30pm.

The Actual Used hours in the bar represents, the hours the room is actually booked. These figures are for the whole month of July - August 2025.

The Minimum opening hours indicates the working hours that we are open regardless of bookings at the centre. That is Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm.



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The graph on the right represents the weekly occupancy of the centre in hours. This data is for the whole month of July - August 2025.

## CENTRE USE ACROSS THE WEEK IN HOURS :

