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Scottish Company No.SC336337

Strathblane Community Development Trust
(Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements
Year to 31 January 2025

Strathblane Community Development Trust

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Trust information

Directors

Robert Davies
Mark Elder
Hannah Freireich
Alistair Gray (appointed 26th February 2024)
Mirte Greve (appointed 25th March 2025)
Julie Hutchison
Patries MacIntyre
Murray McGarvie (appointed 26th February 2024)
James Millar
Andrew Thompson
Margaret Vass (Chair)

Trust Secretary

Robert Davies

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Report of the Directors for year to 31 January 2025

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements for the year to 31 January 2025.

Status of Trust and Governing Document

Strathblane Community Development Trust ("the Trust") was incorporated on 17 January 2008 as a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a recognised Scottish charity, number SC039328.

Charitable Objectives

The Trust was formed to benefit the communities of Strathblane, Blanefield and Mugdock by promoting community development, education and citizenship. A full description of the objects of the Trust is given in the Articles of Association.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

Robert Davies
Mark Elder
Hannah Freireich
Alistair Gray
Julie Hutchison
Patricia MacIntyre
Murray McGarvie
James Millar
Andrew Thompson
Margaret Vass (Chair)

Appointment of Directors

The Directors are all volunteers and residents of Strathblane, Blanefield or Mugdock. Strathblane Community Council has the power to appoint two directors. Other directors are appointed by the members of the Trust in General Meeting following recommendations by existing directors and taking into account their particular expertise and skills. Directors may be co-opted by the Board during the year, such appointments falling to be ratified by members at the next General Meeting.

Administrative Structure

The Directors are responsible for direction and administration of the Trust. The Trust has no employees and the Directors receive no remuneration.

Achievements and Performance

The Directors encourage the formation of working and project groups with a view to widening the opportunities for residents to become involved in projects for the benefit of the community. These groups are provided with guidelines setting out the parameters within which they may operate under the aegis of the Trust and perhaps benefit from its charitable status which gives access to funding and other opportunities not otherwise available. The Board hopes that the Trust will continue to be used in this manner with new groups starting up where appropriate. Strathblane Heritage joined us as a group in March 2024.

The Thomas Graham Community Library was opened on 18 April 2023 by the late Angus Graham, the major donor. During the year we were delighted that the library was the RICS Scottish Regional award winner for Best Community Benefit Project and was Highly Commended at the RICS National Finals.

Most income and expenditure in respect of the library occurred in previous financial years. In the financial year to 31 January 2025, a further £20,000 was provided by the Trust for construction works. The library is owned by a subsidiary company, Thomas Graham Library Limited. There are site lease and operating agreements in place with Stirling Council and it is expected that ownership of the site will transfer to the trust in 2025/26.

The library is now providing the community with a purpose-built, modern facility that has been warmly welcomed by the community. In addition to the normal library activities, the facilities are being used by local groups for meetings and events and for life long learning courses provided by Strathclyde University.

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Other groups connected with the Trust have also been active:

- The Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary continues to go from strength to strength and is proving to be very popular. The volunteers worked on further planting and maintenance and held a number of events during the year.
- The Paths Group has concentrated on the maintenance and repair of its existing assets and has started to develop the idea of the Blane Valley Link Path. They continue to lobby for the improvement of other paths in the area which are not under their control.
- The Trust is continuing to liaise positively with Building Control to receive a completion certificate for the Bothy. This will allow it to be used as part of a village heritage trail for the community and visitors.
- The Allotments Group continues to be very active with 40 plots and a number of communal areas. Members assist in the general maintenance and repair of the allotments as well as tending their own plots. Fund raising is ongoing in respect of the repair and maintenance of the fencing in particular.
- Campsie Crooners continues to attract good numbers of singers to their fortnightly sessions with lots of new members. They have also participated in a number of community events.
- Following a survey of the community on sporting facilities, the Trust is continuing to discuss with Blane Valley Thistle the drainage of the King George V playing field and the potential for a new sports pavilion.
- Strathblane Heritage continues to attract large numbers to its meetings and is extremely popular. Their website continues to expand and is a source of well researched historical information. They are currently working on a heritage trail.

The Trust continues seek to increase its membership and works hard to communicate with the community through regular Instagram posts, Facebook posts, Blane Valley Bulletin articles and a quarterly newsletter to members, to increase engagement and understanding of its purposes and activities. There is ongoing work to improve the website, www.strathblane.online.

Sustainability has been widely discussed and the Trust has become involved with the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network. The trust has run a series of climate action films funded by Stirling Council that have provoked considerable interest and discussion. Much of the work of the Trust already furthers sustainability and this focus is expected to increase.

The Local Place Plan survey carried out in 2024 is informing the work to develop a new Community Action Plan as part of local Place Plan process to be completed by September 2025. This is being done jointly with Strathblane Community Council

It is important for all our working groups to follow good and standard practice. The Trust has worked to ensure that our governance is robust particularly in relation to our charitable role. This provides the framework that our groups, affiliates and subsidiary company can use. New guidelines have been developed and agreed for our groups during the year. It is hoped that this will strengthen the role of the Trust, ensuring that it is more prominent in the community and encourages more involvement. The working groups will however continue to be the engine for delivery of projects that benefit the community.

The Board expresses its thanks and appreciation to the several organisations and many volunteering individuals without whose support none of these benefits to the community would have been achieved.

Grant Making Policy

Grants will not be made by the Trust unless in exceptional circumstances.

Grants and Donations Received

During the year ended 31 January 2025 a grant was received by the Trust from Stirling Council to help fund the screening of a series of Climate Action films. Details are given in Notes 2 and 4 to the financial statements.

Investments

In the year to 31 January 2025, some funds were held in a deposit account providing interest. The interest has been allocated to the General Fund for use in running of the Trust.

Results for the Period

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 6 to 13. The Statement of Financial Activities on Page 6 reflects a net expenditure of £19,061 for the year (2024: expenditure of £2,959).

Reserves

At 31 January 2025 unrestricted reserves amounted to £9,784 (2024: £8,593), restricted funds were £100,188 (2024: £120,440), giving total reserves of £109,972 (2024: £129,033).

The Directors are satisfied that unrestricted funds are sufficient to enable the Trust to continue its activities.

Independent Examiner

Catherine Baxter of Baxter Accounting and Tax Services Ltd is proposed for re-appointment as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

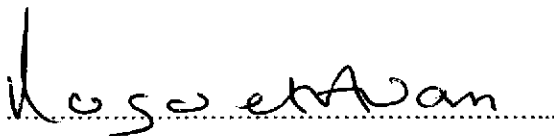
Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue its activities.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the Board

Margaret Vass
Director

Dated... 14/10/25

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Report of the Independent Examiner for year to 31 January 2025

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year to 31 January 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 13

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The directors consider that an audit is not required for this period under Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the directors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

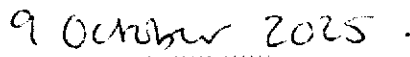
have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

In my opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the accounts.

 Catherine Baxter CTA

Catherine Baxter
Chartered Tax Adviser

 9 October 2025.

Date

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Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025	2024
		General	Designated			
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations	2	50	-	222	272	6,528
Investment income		1,493	-	-	1,493	1,184
Other trading activities	3	1,304	-	-	1,304	1,207
Income from charitable activities	4	-	-	3,533	3,533	19,393
Total income		2,847	-	3,755	6,602	28,312
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	5	1,656	-	24,007	25,663	31,271
Total expenditure		1,656	-	24,007	25,663	31,271
Net income/(expenditure)		1,191	-	(20,252)	(19,061)	(2,959)
Transfers		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		8,593	-	120,440	129,033	131,992
Total funds carried forward		9,784	-	100,188	109,972	129,033
Comprising						
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund		9,784	-	-	9,784	8,593
Designated		-	-	-	-	-
		9,784	-	-	9,784	8,593
Restricted Funds						
Greenheart		-	-	1,237	1,237	1,237
Paths development		-	-	3,399	3,399	3,451
Library		-	-	68,810	68,810	87,760
Bothy		-	-	13,043	13,043	13,043
Wildlife Sanctuary		-	-	10,065	10,065	10,986
Blane Valley Bulletin		-	-	3,270	3,270	3,963
Climate Films		-	-	297	297	-
Apple Pressing		-	-	67	67	-
		-	-	100,188	100,188	120,440
		9,784	-	100,188	109,972	129,033

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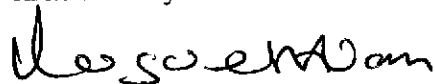
Balance Sheet at 31 January 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Investment in subsidiary company	10	100	100
Tangible fixed assets	11	13,043	13,043
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	1,011	381
Cash at bank and in hand		96,357	116,308
		97,368	116,689
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(539)	(799)
Net Current Assets		96,829	115,890
Total Net Assets		109,972	129,033
The Funds of the Trust			
Unrestricted funds - General	16	9,784	8,593
Unrestricted funds - Designated	16	-	-
Restricted funds	16	100,188	120,440
		109,972	129,033

The directors consider that the Trust is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. Members have not required the company under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 to obtain an audit for the year ended 31 January 2025. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for: ensuring that the Trust keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust as at 31 January 2025 and of its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts, so far as applicable to the Trust.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 23rd September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Margaret Vass
Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements - for year to 31 January 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The financial statements of the Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Donations are included in income when received. Income tax receivable in respect of Gift Aid is accounted for on an accruals basis at the time that donations are received. Grants and donations in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a restricted income account. Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income when the Trust has acquired unconditional entitlement and so as to match them with the expenditure to which they relate.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Heritable property	-	10% straight line
Equipment	-	25% straight line

Expenditure on fixed assets is only depreciated once the assets have been brought into use by the Trust.

Investments

In the year to 31 January 2025, the Trust has received interest income from funds held in a deposit account.

Reserves

The reserves of the Trust are held in specific funds as follows:

General funds comprise donations and other income to may be applied in accordance with the objects of the Trust as the Directors decide.

Designated funds have been allocated by the Directors for specific purposes in furtherance of the Trust's objectives.

Restricted funds are grants and donations held for purposes specified by donors.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2025

2. Donations

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025	2024
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
General purposes	50			50	129
Library			150	150	110
Bothy				-	-
Wildlife Sanctuary				-	6,260
Allotments				-	-
Paths			72	72	29
	50	-	222	272	6,528

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025	2024
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions	1,304	-	-	1,304	1,185
Fundraising companies	-	-	-	-	22
	1,304	-	-	1,304	1,207

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025	2024
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Paths</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Allotments</i>					
Allotment ploholders' contributions	-	-	200	200	200
<i>Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary</i>					
Brown Forbes Memorial Fund	-	-		-	10,000
C & S Environmental Trust	-	-	573	573	1,600
Fundraising events	-	-	313	313	2,478
<i>Library</i>					
Fundraising events	-	-	1,772	1,772	339
<i>Climate Films</i>					
Event Income	-	-	58	58	-
Stirling Council grant	-	-	550	550	-
<i>Apple Pressing</i>					
Event Income	-	-	67	67	-
<i>Other</i>					
CARES - Energy saving Trust	-	-	-	-	4,776
	-	-	3,533	3,533	19,393

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5	Charitable expenditure	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025	2024
		General	Designated			
		£	£	£	£	£
	Insurance	1,183			1,183	1,168
	Renewable energy feasibility study				-	4,776
	Local Plan survey	58			58	-
	Publicity				-	-
	Website costs	-			-	263
	Miscellaneous expenses	110			110	394
	Bank/Just Giving/Paypal charges	31			31	20
	<i>Allotments</i>					
	Allotments rent			200	200	200
	<i>Library</i>					
	Construction			20,000	20,000	10,000
	Event Costs			872	872	-
	<i>Paths Development Group</i>					
	Path improvements			124	124	98
	<i>Blane Valley Bulletin</i>					
	Print costs			694	694	690
	<i>Strathblane Wildlife Sanctuary</i>					
	Plant purchases			983	983	1,767
	Groundworks			599	599	11,075
	Rent			200	200	-
	Event Costs			24	24	-
	<i>Bothy</i>					
	Drawings / building warrant				-	490
	<i>Climate Films</i>					
	Event Costs			311	311	-
	Governance costs (Note 6)	274			274	330
		1,656	-	24,007	25,663	31,271

No remuneration was paid to directors during the period. There were no staff employed by the Trust.

6	Governance costs	2025	2024
		£	£
	Companies House fees	34	13
	Meeting costs	-	77
	Independent examination	240	300
	Adjustment to 2023 Independent examination	-	(60)
		274	330

7	Operating surplus	2025	2024
		£	£
	This is stated after charging		
	Independent Examiner's fee	240	300

8	Transactions with directors
	There were no transactions with directors during the period.

9	Taxation
	The Trust has charitable status and no liability to UK corporation tax arises.

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10 Investment in subsidiary company

The Trust owns 100% of the issued share capital of Thomas Graham Library Limited.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Heritable Property The Bothy £	Total £
Cost		
1 February 2024	13,043	13,043
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 January 2025	13,043	13,043
Depreciation		
1 February 2024	-	-
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 January 2025	-	-
Net Book Value		
1 February 2024	13,043	13,043
31 January 2025	13,043	13,043

12 Debtors

	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid	168	-	-	168	181
Stirling Council Climate Film Grant			550	550	
Interest Receivable	93			93	
Blane Valley Allotments Association	-	-	200	200	200
	261	-	750	1,011	381

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Unrestricted General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued expenses	339	-	200	539	699
Accrued purchase of TGLJ shares	-	-	-	-	100
	339	-	200	539	799

14 Liability of members

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of winding up the liability of each member is limited to £1.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2025

15 Analysis of Net Assets by Funds

	Unrestricted		Restricted	2025	2024
	General	Designated			
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	13,043	13,043	13,043
Investments	-	-	100	100	100
Current Assets					
Debtors	261	-	750	1,011	381
Cash at bank and in hand	9,862	-	86,495	96,357	116,308
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	(339)	-	(200)	(539)	(799)
Net Assets	9,784	-	100,188	109,972	129,033

16 Movement of Funds

	1 Feb 2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	31 Jan 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Greenheart	1,237	-	-		1,237
Paths development	3,452	72	(124)		3,399
Allotments	-	200	(200)		-
Library	87,760	1,922	(20,872)		68,810
Bothy	13,043	-	-		13,043
Wildlife Sanctuary	10,986	886	(1,806)		10,065
Blane Valley Bulletin	3,964	-	(694)		3,270
Strathblane Heritage Society		0	(0)		0
Climate Films		608	(311)		297
Apple Pressing		67	-		67
	120,440	3,755	(24,007)	-	100,188
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	8,593	2,847	(1,656)		9,784
	8,593	2,847	(1,656)	-	9,784
	129,033	6,602	(25,663)	-	109,972

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year to 31 January 2025

18 Comparative Financial Statement for 2024

	Unrestricted		Restricted	Total
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Charitable activities				
Grants and donations	6,112	-	21,016	27,128
Investments				
Bank interest and Dividends	1,184	-	-	1,184
Total	7,296	-	21,016	28,312
Expenditure				
Charitable activities	6,761	-	24,510	31,271
	6,761	-	24,510	31,271
Net income/(expenditure)	535	-	(3,494)	(2,959)
Transfers	(89)	-	89	-
Balance brought forward at 1 February 2023	8,147	-	123,845	131,992
Closing balance at 31 January 2024	8,593	-	120,440	129,033
Comprising:				
Unrestricted funds				
General	8,593	-	-	8,593
Designated	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds				
Greenheart	-	-	1,237	1,237
Paths development	-	-	3,452	3,452
Library	-	-	87,760	87,760
Allotments	-	-	-	-
Bothy	-	-	13,043	13,043
Wildlife Sanctuary	-	-	10,986	10,986
Blane Valley Bulletin	-	-	3,964	3,964
	8,593	-	120,440	129,033

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Summary of Projects

	Total £	Paths £	Library £	SWS £	Play Park £	Allotments £	BV Bulletin £	Apple Pressing £	Climate Films £	Heritage Society £	General funds £	Bothy - restricted £
Income												
Grants received	1,123		-	573					550			
Donations received	272	72	150								50	
Fund raising events	2,642		1,772	313					67	58	431	
Gift Aid on donations	168										168	
Bank Interest/dividends	1,493										1,493	
Other	1,936		600			200					1,136	
	7,633	72	2,522	886	-	200	-	67	608	431	2,847	-
Expenditure												
Allotment	200					200						
TGLL Construction	21,472		21,472									
BVB printing	694						694					
Path Improvements	124	124										
Wildlife Sanctuary development	1,806			1,806								
Bothy	0											0
Strathblane Heritage Society	431									431		
Climate Films	311								311			
Local Plan Survey	58										58	
Publicity	0											
Insurance	1,183										1,183	
Bank/Paypal charges	31										31	
Other administration costs/expenses	384										384	
	26,694	124	21,472	1,806	-	200	694	-	311	431	1,656	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(19,061)	(52)	(18,950)	(920)	-	-	(694)	67	297	-	1,191	-
Funds brought forward	129,033	3,452	87,760	10,986	1,237	-	3,964				8,593	13,043
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	-
Funds carried forward	109,972	3,399	68,810	10,065	1,237	-	3,270	67	297	-	9,784	13,043