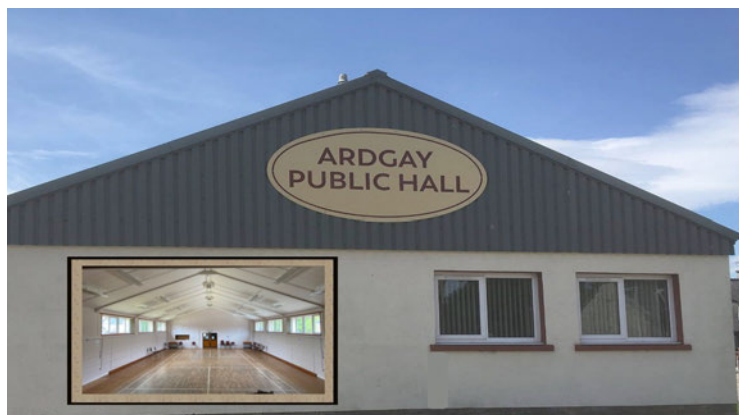


ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL

Scottish Charity: SC008669



Trustees' Annual Report & Receipts & Payments Accounts

1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025, along with the independent examiner's report.

Introduction

Ardgay Public Hall is a community-owned building providing a meeting place, central to Ardgay, where locals and others can come together for social, sporting, educational, networking and entertainment events. All residents of Ardgay District are members of the Hall. The Committee are also the trustees and directors with voting rights.

We presently have 11 committee members and approximately 20 regular volunteers.

Our Focus

We have three key areas of focus.

1. To maintain the fabric of the building and surrounds.
2. To monitor and manage the associated fundamental costs of running the Hall including electricity, broadband, and other utilities.
3. To promote the use of the Hall, running community events which serve to build community resilience and, in addition, support Hall running costs.

Reference and Administration Details

The charity is registered as Ardgay Public Hall and known as Ardgay Community Centre. It became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 10 August 2016 and has been a registered charity since 11 January 1968 and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR): number SC008669.

The principal office and operating address of the charity is:-
Ardgay Public Hall, Carron Place, Ardgay, IV24 3BQ.

The following served as charity trustees during the year, inclusive of the dates of this report:-

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Other Trustees who served during the year: [REDACTED] (Resigning 23/2/25), [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Structure Governance and Management

Ardgay Public Hall, also known as Ardgay Community Centre, is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution. All of Ardgay Public Hall's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting, which [we aim to hold](#) in October each year.

Objectives and Activities

The advancement of education, the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended

The SCIO will promote, advance and further charitable purposes and in that regard the assets of the SCIO have been dedicated and shall continue to be held for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation, and social, moral and intellectual development through the medium of education and recreation facilities, lectures, classes, recreation or otherwise as may be found expedient of the inhabitants of said Parish of Kincardine and Croick, without distinction of or of political, religious or other opinions subject to the provisions of these presents.

Summary of Activities

Hall Administration

Upgrading & maintenance:

We engaged a new committee member, Stuart Allison in March 2025 to enable improved delivery of various aspects of our maintenance plan. A number of minor repairs have been implemented and further are in planning. However, with the recent (2nd September) £85k grant, our major project to repair the roof, guttering, fascias and replace doors will be able to go ahead in the coming months. We offer our grateful thanks to Highland Council, Sutherland, Community Regeneration fund for this grant.

Thank you also to the previous Ardgay & District Community Council who provided grants from Beinn Tharsuinn Fund for our new committee room heating and also as match funding for the above major upgrade project.

Electricity: we remain in our contract with Corona and invoicing and billing continue to be problematic, but is closely monitored by our committee. Thank you to David Knight for his significant help here.

Broadband: thanks are due again to *Highland Broadband (Lothian Broadband)* for providing free super-fast fibre system in the Hall continuing to save us around £40 per month. This also allows us to offer free broadband use when needed for community resilience.

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Non-Event Fundraising: in August 2024, we created accounts with *easyfundraising* and *The Highland Community Lottery*. Although a relatively small amount of money has been raised thus far, we will continue to promote this in the coming year.

Hall Events:

Our markets continue to provide a fun set of events for our community, and supply a good funding stream. We intend, however to review the format and regularity of the markets. These run in conjunction with Repair Cafes and Garden Swap events and it would be beneficial to review how these run and when.

Our Kyle of Sutherland Gala Week Book Fair is now an established and popular event. Thanks to [REDACTED] for organising this. It's expected that our Art & Photography Fair will be biennial, but we would expect now to work with the reformed Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Group on this.

Special thanks are due to our volunteer team for their dedication in supporting the admin and running of the markets and other events. Thank you.

User Groups and Other Bookings: it is wonderful to see the regular bookings grow, with various new groups forming such as music and photography, and also being part of the community fitness program from the KoSDT.

We are delighted that both our new and longstanding groups are thriving, and welcome the newest Knit, Natter and More group. It was also exciting to host the Coast to Coast walk for *The Long Distance Walkers Group* and we'd hope to attract further similar events. And of course, we were happy that we could provide a temporary peaceful location for a local congregation to worship.

The Hall continues to be considered a Key Safe Location in the *Kyle of Sutherland Resilience Plan* and is used by the *Ardgay Community Council*.

We're looking forward to working together with other local halls and buildings for various projects, including to further develop the resilience action plan.

Finally, in this section it is also worth commenting that all the above activities have significantly increased the profile of Ardgay Public Hall, thus attracting bookings from a broader community.

We would like to thank all our community, the various group organisers, our committed volunteers, the help provided by our local businesses, associated local groups, and the committee for their hard work, which continues to improve this wonderfully welcoming and enjoyable community resource.

Hall promotions

Website: www.ardgayhall.co.uk. We do not monitor usage stats on our Hall web site, but it is kept up to date with event and Hall news, and the integral calendar is now being fully

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used to help identify booking possibilities.

Social Media: our main Ardgay Hall Page and Facebook groups are well supported: *Ardgay Community Market* and *Kyle of Sutherland Books & Arts*.

Notice Boards: Hall events are advertised on our own internal and external notice boards, the Ardgay Community notice board and various local shops.

Kyle Chronicle: articles are published each quarter, providing the community with a summary of Hall information and promoting the Hall in general.

Financial Summary

1. Grants: We received a matched funding grant of £2000 for our major building project from Beinn Thairsuinn Community Fund. We also received £1800 from the same source for new committee room heating and our last tranche of the 5 year grant allocation from Coirre na Cloiche Community Fund. Thank you Ardgay & District Community Council and the two wind farms funds.
2. Electricity: We continue to struggle with the accuracy of Corona Billing, but our bills remain similar to last year at around £6k.
3. Hall Use: Our fund raising events (markets etc) increased income by about £1k and our Hall rental income remained similar.
4. Forecast: We are hoping that the Coirre na Cloiche fund will be renewed and are reviewing the best strategy for our fund raising plans.

Funding Sources & Thanks

There have been much-appreciated donations from local individuals which have helped fund new furniture, equipment and competition/raffle prizes.

Again, thank you to Highland / Lothian Broadband for installing our new broadband system at no cost to the Hall.

Vote of Thanks. Grateful thanks are due to

- Our dedicated team of regular and ad hoc volunteers.
- Our committee and sub-committees.
- *Voluntary Groups Sutherland* for their ongoing support and accounts creation.
- The *Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust* for their increasing use of our Hall.
- The local businesses, market vendors and volunteers who have supported the Hall in various ways.
- A special thank you to *Fiona Venters* for keeping the Hall clean and tidy, managing all the bookings and especially for being on hand when emergencies arise.
- And of course, our whole community. The committee are hugely grateful to everyone for their general support of the Hall.

Whist not actually in this year's annual figures, special thanks are due to the Highland

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Council Community Regeneration Fund (Sutherland) for our grant of £85,000 to replace part of the roof, fascias, gutters, down pipes and doors.

Outlook for 2025-2026

In the coming months, the Hall will benefit from our Ardgay Hall 2026 project to upgrade the roof areas and the doors. We also hope to increase safety aspects around the front door and around the drains and fill the wall cracks.

As noted above, we will be reviewing the strategy for markets, garden and repair events for next year along with other fund raising options.

And, we are hoping that with the reformation of the Ardgay & District Community Council that the CnC regular funds will me again made available.

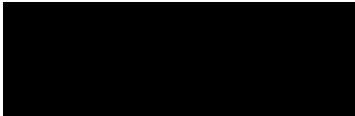
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POSITION

DATE



Chair

19/12/25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year from 1 September 2024 to 31st Aug 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ardgay Public Hall, registered charity number SC008669.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, set out on pages 9-10.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether 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 charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation from the Trustees concerning 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

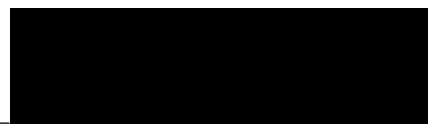
1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :-

- 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 9 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.

Signed



, Date: 12 January 2026


c/o Lairg & District Learning Centre, Lairg, IV27 4DD

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the year from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
Receipts				
Donations	395		395	566
Coire na Cloiche	3000		3000	
Beinn Thairsuinn		3800	3800	
Fundraising	4957		4957	3060
FIT payment	644		644	252
Hall Rental & Storage	6331		6331	6868
Interest	56		56	58
Total Receipts	15383	3800	19183	10804
Payments				
Fundraising	0		0	141
Payments for charitable activities:				
Office expenses	0		0	2
Utilities/Wifi/Insurance	9383		9383	6381
Building Maintenance	3483	1800	5283	2446
Furniture & Equipment	301		301	1333
Subscriptions/Licenses	140		140	165
Bank Charges	14		14	
Miscellaneous			0	43
Governance:				
Independent Examination of Accounts	0		0	50
Total Expenditure	13321	1800	15121	10562
Surplus/(deficit) for year	2062	2000	4062	242

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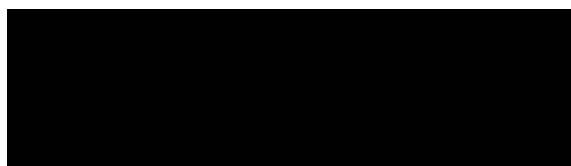
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Bank & Cash in hand			2025	2024
Opening balances	15320		15320	15078
Surplus/(deficit) for year	2062	2000	4062	242
Closing balances	17382	2000	19382	15320

Represented by:

BoS Current Account	12530	8612
BoS Reserve Account	6107	6051
Petty Cash	336	336
Unbanked	409	321
	19382	15320

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



NAME

POSITION Chair

DATE 19/12/25

NOTES**1 Basis of Accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in the year.

3 Reserves

There are reserves of £19,382, £2000 of which is restricted.

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