

Aberlady Community Association

Scotland · Charity number SC008764

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	Unincorporated association
Registered	1952-06-18
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	6 Gosford Park Aberlady East Lothian EH320DD
Website	www.aberlady.org

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the advancement of public participation in sport', 'the advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Primarily we manage the village hall, undertaking the maintenance and cleaning of such, to provide a social space for the community.

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: To promote the well being of the inhabitants of Aberlady and environments without distinctions of political, religious or other opinions. By Associating the local authorities concerned, voluntary organisations and residents in a common effort to further improvements in health, to advance education, to provide a meeting place and facilities for physical and mental training and recreations. social, moral and intellectual development. to foster a community spirit for the achievement of these and other such objects as may by law be deemed to be charitable. To secure the establishment of a community centre/and operate with the local Statutory Authority in the maintenance and management of the centre, for activities in furtherance of the above objects or any of them. The association shall be non party in politics and non sectarian in religion.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Lothian
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£41,112	£44,069	-	0
2024-05-31	£31,011	£25,303	-	0
2023-05-31	£33,163	£49,217	-	0
2022-05-31	£34,026	£16,702	-	0
2021-05-31	£19,684	£9,247	-	0

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Accounts

<p>Promoting the use of the Village Hall and the organisation within it for charitable, fund raising, educational, cultural and recreational events and activities.</p> <p>Formation of a management committee to ensure the Village Hall is well maintained, resourced and managed.</p>	<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</p>
<p>The management, operation, care and maintenance of the Aberlady Village Hall for the benefit of the residents of Aberlady and its environs.</p> <p>To promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of Aberlady and environs.</p>	<p>Charitable purposes</p>

Objectives and activities

<p>By invitation of the duly elected officers of the Association</p>	<p>Trustee recruitment and appointment</p>
<p>Constitution of the Aberlady Community Association</p>	<p>Type of governing document</p>

Structure, governance and management

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Reference and administration details

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

ABERLADY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25 has been another busy and productive year of ACA activities, a huge thanks must go to the dedicated team of trustees who give their time so freely to help manage and maintain the village hall and who work tirelessly on behalf of the village across a wide range of issues and activities. We are grateful to our four Property Trustees, [redacted] for many years of dedicated work, keeping a watchful eye over operations and providing some words of wisdom when required.

We have almost completed the process of re-organisation to become Aberlady Community Association (SCIO). The remaining task is the transfer the assets, namely the village hall and the bank accounts. This has proven to be a lengthy and complicated process; we are very grateful to [redacted] for helping us navigate this process, as well as his very thorough work in his role as Secretary. We are hopeful that the re-organisation process can be completed before Christmas 2025, at which point Aberlady Community Association (as is) will be formally dissolved.

The village hall continues to be well used throughout the year by regular classes, activities and events and a range of ad hoc private bookings. New bookings include two weekly Callanetics classes, a Thu evening Pickleball session and a Wed Badminton group. The small hall was given a lick of paint and a tidy up and is now used for weekly kid's art classes, rehearsals of a new village choir - The Aberlady Singers, and also for Aberlady Sessions music rehearsals. The main hall remains very popular for kids' parties, we have hosted four weddings, several Christmas party nights and many evening events and fundraisers.

[redacted] has taken over the role of Booking Secretary on a voluntary basis; we thank her for all her work behind the scenes dealing with enquiries, bookings and arranging viewings. This year we have reviewed and updated the booking terms & conditions, policies and pricing. We will continue to look at ways of marketing the availability of the hall and further improve the booking system.

There are many regular maintenance requirements as well as unplanned repairs to the village hall, we thank [redacted] for his diligence in keeping the building operational. We are also grateful to [redacted] for undertaking several smaller maintenance jobs this year, offering his time free of charge.

A new cooker has been installed in the kitchen thanks to a donation from the Aberlady Gala funding from Gilliane Area Community Council and the North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership. Thanks to [redacted] who continue to represent the ACA on the NBCAP. We have been successful with a number of funding applications this year, which further makes the point that if your voice isn't heard, you won't get anything.

A large focus of the year has been the project to refurbish the hall, which is proving to be a complex challenge, with many unknowns and moving parts. [redacted] leads a subgroup who report to the ACA; we are very much learning on the job with this process but are grateful to the assistance and advice offered to us by [redacted]

As things stand, we have been granted planning permission for the installation of solar panels on the west facing roof, an air source heat pump on the small hall and new external entrance doors. The application for a building warrant for the internal works has been submitted to ELC, we are hopeful of determination by the end of June 2025. This will allow us to go to the Tender stage and help us more accurately identify the actual costs of our proposed improvements. The project team will be recommending a phased rather than an all-in-one-go approach, which is largely due to the complexity of navigating funding deadlines.

For the first time in a good while, there have been some ACA fundraising events; successful Christmas and Spring Markets and a Swish event have raised a total of £3000 towards ACA funds. Going forward we are hopefully that the Christmas Market can become a regular addition to the Aberlady calendar. Thank you to [redacted] for her boundless energy leading on all of this, the team of volunteers who helped, and those who have attended these events.

This year we delivered three editions of the Heads-Up village newsletter under the watchful eye of [redacted] who has also taken on admin duties for the ACA Facebook page and interim role of maintaining the www.aberlady.org website. It is hoped that in the future we can undertake a complete re-vamp of the website but, in the meantime, we

APPENDIX 1

not applicable	not applicable
not applicable	not applicable
A policy of holding £15,000 has been implemented during 2024 year.	

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Details of any deficit

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Financial review

will endeavour to make sure the information on the site is up to date and accurate. Thank you to [redacted] for bringing her excellent IT, Design and Marketing skills to the team.

We now have three years of income and expenditure carefully logged in detail and very helpfully presented on master accounts spreadsheet, which allows us to quickly compare totals from year to year. This is an incredibly useful resource to have; thank you to our Treasurer, [redacted] for her dedication keeping these records accurate and up to date and for her work keeping track of all the ACA finances. Our thanks also go to [redacted] who continues to audit our annual accounts for submission to OSCR.

This year the Aberlady Local Place Plan 2025-2035 was submitted and approved by ELC. This was an enormous undertaking, made possible largely by the skill and determination of Sadia Ward, who very much led this piece of work. The LLP will feed in to the ELC 10-year Local Development Plan; a copy of the LLP is available to read in the village hall, Margiota, and can also be view online via the www.aberlady.org homepage.

Thanks to [redacted] and a team of volunteers who continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes making sure that the provision of defibrillators in the village is managed and maintained and that annual training is made available to residents. A very successful just Giving campaign raised £1480 towards the costs of ongoing maintenance and two new defibrillators in Meadowside and Glenpeffer, taking the total in the village to five.

The task of managing and maintaining the village hall can be a hefty one, it is a demanding and awkward old building at times, and the work that goes on behind the scenes is largely unheralded. However, it is ACA's shared belief that the village hall is a vital resource for the residents of Aberlady. I can't thank everyone enough for their part in keeping its doors open.

June 10th 2025
 [redacted]
 Chair
 Aberlady Community Association

Date	9/12/25
Position (e.g. Chair)	TRUSTEE OF HALL
Full name(s)	[Redacted]
Signature(s)	[Redacted]
Treasurer	[Redacted]

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Declaration

Other optional information



Receipts and payments accounts		For the period	
Period start date		Day	Month
Period end date		Day	Month
to		Year	Year
1st June 2024		31st May 2025	

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Section A statement of receipts and payments

Unrestricted to nearest £ Restricted to nearest £ Expendable to nearest £ Permanent to nearest £ Total funds to nearest £ Total funds last to nearest £

A1 Receipts	10,507	10,507	-	-	6,048
Donations					
Legacies					
Grants	7,068	7,068			1,745
Receipts from fundraising activities	23,537	23,537			22,391
Gross trading receipts					
Income from investments other than					
Rents from land & buildings					
Gross receipts from other charitable					827
A1 Sub total	41,112.38	41,112	-	-	31,011

A2 Receipts from asset & A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					
Proceeds from sale of investments					
A2 Sub total	41,112.38	41,112	-	-	31,011

A3 Payments	44,069	44,069	-	-	25,303
Expenses for fundraising activities					
Gross trading payments					
Investment management costs					
Payments relating directly to charitable	44,069	44,069			25,303
Grants and donations					
Governance costs:					
Audit / independent examination					
Preparation of annual accounts					
Legal costs					
Other					
A3 Sub total	44,069	44,069	-	-	25,303

A4 Payments relating to asset and A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases of fixed assets					
Purchase of investments					
Total payments	44,069	44,069	-	-	25,303
Net receipts / (payments)	-2,956	-2,956	-	-	5,708
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-2,956.42	-2,956	-	-	5,708



Section B Statement of balances

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Categories	B1 Cash funds		B2 Investments		B3 Other assets		B4 Liabilities		B5 Contingent liabilities	
Details	Cash and bank balances at start of year	67,905	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	5,707	Cash and bank balances at end of year	73,613	Unrestricted funds	73,613	Restricted funds	-
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £
		73,613	(2,956)	70,656		70,656				
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))									

Details	B2 Investments		B3 Other assets		B4 Liabilities		B5 Contingent liabilities	
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £
		-		-		-		-
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £

Details	B3 Other assets		B4 Liabilities		B5 Contingent liabilities	
Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Current value (if available)	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £
		-		-		-
		to nearest £		to nearest £		to nearest £

Details	B4 Liabilities		B5 Contingent liabilities	
Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due
		to nearest £		to nearest £
		-		-
		to nearest £		to nearest £

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Additional analysis (1)

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Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable funds	Permanent funds	Total current period	Total last period
Memorial benches	1,954	-	-	-	1,954	-
Aberlady Gala Committee	4,791	-	-	-	4,791	3,150
Defibrillators	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	1,439
Wemyss and March Estate	2,336	-	-	-	2,336	-
State Street Bank and Trust Company	425	-	-	-	425	1,199
Other individuals	10,507	-	-	-	10,507	260
Total	10,507	-	-	-	10,507	6,048

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total current period	Total last period
East Lothian Council (via Coastal Area Partnership)	7,068	-	7,068	1,745
Total	7,068	-	7,068	1,745

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable funds	Permanent funds	Total current period	Total last period
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-	827
Total	-	-	-	-	-	827

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable funds	Permanent funds	Total current period	Total last period
Hall repairs	7,202	-	-	-	7,202	4,033
Hall improvements	22,468	-	-	-	22,468	5,770
Hall Cleaning	2,808	-	-	-	2,808	2,152
Gas supplies	2,426	-	-	-	2,426	6,183
Electricity supplies	2,019	-	-	-	2,019	2,949
W/ff rental	262	-	-	-	262	-
Insurance	1,199	-	-	-	1,199	1,087
Hall administration	388	-	-	-	388	1,331
Licences and operating expenses	451	-	-	-	451	463
Local Place plan project	559	-	-	-	559	1,336
Community improvements	4,266	-	-	-	4,266	-
Total	44,049	-	-	-	44,049	25,304

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 5 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 6 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 7 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 8 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 9 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
	General fund	Defibrillator	Projector	Community Events	Sit and Stroll (benches)	Replacement Oven	Local Place Plan	Hall Renovations	Aberlady Bay Trolleys		
Receipts											
Donations	4,961	4,791	-	300	454	-	-	-	-	10,507	6,048
Legacies										-	-
Grants	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,754	-	-	314	7,068	1,745
Receipts from fundraising activities	23,537	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,537	22,391
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & buildings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,499	4,791	-	300	454	3,754	-	-	314	41,112	31,071
Receipts from asset & investment sales											
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets										-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments										-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,499	4,791	-	300	454	3,754	-	-	314	41,112	31,071
Payments											
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross trading payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	18,818	3,976	-	-	26	4,670	559	15,756	264	44,069	25,303
Grants and donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Audit / independent examination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	18,818	3,976	-	-	26	4,670	559	15,756	264	44,069	25,303
Payments relating to asset and investment movements											
Purchases of fixed assets										-	-
Purchase of investments										-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,818	3,976	-	-	26	4,670	559	15,756	264	44,069	25,303
Net receipts / (payments)	12,680	815	-	300	429	(916)	(559)	(15,756)	50	(2,956)	5,768

APPENDIX 2
Transfers to / (from) funds

Surplus / (deficit) for year

12,680	815	-	300	429	(916)	(959)	(15,756)	50	(2,956)	5,708
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Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those held by the Association to be spent on meeting its principal objectives including : to promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of Aberlady and its environs without distinction of political, cultural or religious beliefs; to foster a community spirit and to manage, maintain and improve the Aberlady Community Hall as an accessible hub for educational, recreational, social and cultural activities.

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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

1 - enter name of Restricted fund
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 3 - enter name of Restricted fund
 4 - enter name of Restricted fund
 Total restricted funds last period

Receipts	1	2	3	4	Total restricted funds last period
Donations					
Legacies					
Grants					
Receipts from fundraising activities					
Gross trading receipts					
Income from investments other than land and buildings					
Rents from land & buildings					
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					
Sub total					

Receipts from asset & investment sales	1	2	3	4	Total restricted funds last period
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					
Proceeds from sale of investments					
Sub total					
Total receipts					

Payments	1	2	3	4	Total restricted funds last period
Expenses for fundraising activities					
Gross trading payments					
Investment management costs					
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					
Grants and donations					
Governance costs:					
Audit / independent examination					
Preparation of annual accounts					
Legal costs					
Sub total					

Payments relating to asset and investment	1	2	3	4	Total restricted funds last period
Purchases of fixed assets					
Purchase of investments					
Sub total					
Total payments					
Net receipts / (payments)					
Transfers to / (from) funds					
Surplus / (deficit) for year					

Nature and purpose of funds	1	2	3	4	Total restricted funds last period

Independent examiner's report on the accounts						
Report to the trustees/members of						
Aberlady Community Association						
Registered charity number						
SC008764						
On the accounts of the charity for the period						
Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
1	June	2024		30	May	2025
Set out on pages						
1-5 of the accounts (separate paper)						

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 explanations from the trustees 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

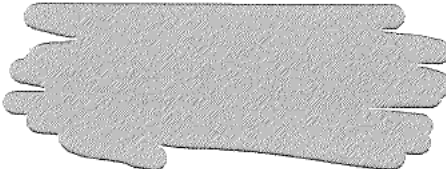
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- 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: 15 December 2025

Name:



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CPA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) (retired)

Address:



