

Blairgowrie & District Freedom Coach Association - SCO09557

Accounts for Year to 5th April 2025	2024/25	2023/24	Change
Receipts			
Grants			
Groundwork (Tesco)	£1,125	£1,000	£125
Perth & Kinross Council	£189	£0	£189
Bus Operator's Fuel Grant-Scottish Office	£1,744	£1,618	£126
Community Transport Grant (P&K Co)	£2,500	£0	£2,500
Hirings(including BADSO)	£17,523	£16,861	£662
Fundraising	£2,175	£1,492	£683
Interest from investments	£5,996	£3,419	£2,577
Donations	£7,032	£5,985	£1,047
Legacies	£0	£1,000	-£1,000
Insurance Claim	£0	£244	-£244
Shuttle Bus Income (P&K Co)	£1,605	£0	£1,605
Total Receipts	£39,889	£31,619	£8,270
Payments			
Salaries	£13,733	£13,799	-£66
Driver's expenses	£57	£199	-£142
Repairs & servicing	£2,542	£3,361	-£819
Insurance	£1,783	£1,641	£143
Fuel	£2,600	£2,365	£234
Feeler Outings paid by BADSO	£2,607	£3,596	-£989
Accountancy	£600	£450	£150
Miscellaneous (incl admin)	£410	£180	£230
Advertising	£100	£0	£100
New Coach Trip (Essex)	£371	£0	£371
Total Payments	£24,803	£25,591	-£788
Surplus/Deficit for year	£15,086	£6,028	£9,058

Statement of Balances @ 5th April 2025

Bank Of Scotland:

BFCA Treasurer's Account	£11,085	£4,418	£6,667
BADSO Treasurer's Account	£7,814	£7,131	£683
Bank of Scotland Total	<u>£18,899</u>	<u>£11,549</u>	<u>£7,350</u>

Investments

United Trust Bank	£80,467	£75,120	£5,347
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£83,013	£80,624	£2,389
Investments Total	<u>£163,480</u>	<u>£155,744</u>	<u>£7,736</u>

Total Assets	<u>£182,379</u>	<u>£167,293</u>	<u>£15,086</u>
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Notes

- 1 - All funds are unrestricted.
- 2 - The purchase cost of the coach was £79,000 but is now fully depreciated.

Surplus

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Blairgowrie and District Freedom Coach Association
Scottish Charity No. SCO09557**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended **5th April 2025**.

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 Trustees 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.

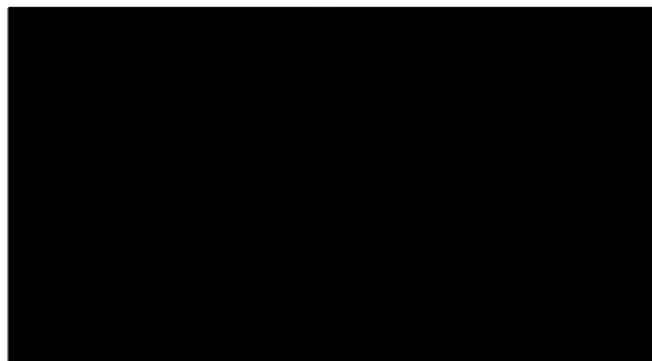
Independent examiner's statement

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.



Date. 20/6/2025

Blairgowrie & District Freedom Coach Association
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 5th April 2025

Blairgowrie & District Freedom Coach Association ("BFCA") is registered in Scotland, Scottish Charity number SC009557

Address -

Website - blairgowriefreedomcoach.co.uk

Charity Trustees -

Administrator -

Driver / Coordinator -

Accounts and Payroll Manager -

Objectives and Activities

BFCA acquires, maintains and operates specialised transport for the benefit of elderly and/or disabled residents of Blairgowrie and its district. In doing this it liaises with voluntary organisations, local authorities and suppliers and others who have an interest in improving the quality of life of the elderly and/or disabled. Trips are arranged for the residents of local care homes and there is a weekly shopping trip.

Structure, Governance and Management

BFCA was founded in 1981 and is an SCIO. The members elect a board of trustees who are subject to re-election at each Annual General Meeting. The daily management is in the hands of an Administrator who organises the care and maintenance of BFCA's vehicle, known as The Freedom Coach. The Trust has appointed a Driver/Coordinator and an Accounts and Payroll Manager. These three officers receive payment for their services.

Achievements and Performance

In the year to 5th April 2025 The Freedom Coach was kept busy and the Trust achieved its aims. The Freedom Coach which was purchased in 2012 has been carefully maintained and is in good running order. The Trustees and the Administrator have reviewed the risks to which BFCA is exposed and they are satisfied that the risk assessment policy is appropriate for the activities undertaken.

Fundraising is a constant concern as local authority support has dwindled in recent years. BFCA receives grants and seeks alternative funders. It has been fortunate to receive a wide variety of donations mainly from local organisations and residents. A number of legacies have been received over the years. The Trustees and Officers carry out fundraising events. Blairgowrie and District Seniors Outings ("BADSO") collects donations and arranges outings which are provided by BFCA.

Financial Review

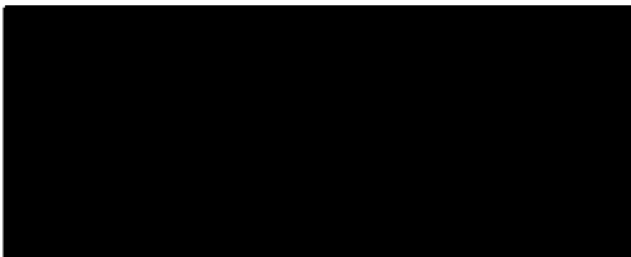
In the year under review BFCA's receipts were £39,889 (23/24 £31,619) with higher hirings, fund raising, donations, legacies and deposit interest more than offsetting the reduction in local authority support. Payments at £24,803 (23/24 £25,591) were lower as the previous year bore the costs associated with the recruiting and training of the new Driver/Coordinator. Thus there was a surplus for the year of £15,086 (23/24 £6,028). It is in the nature of BFCA's business that both receipts and payments are liable to unexpected changes and the Trustees endeavour to maintain adequate reserves to maintain its activities through good times and bad. Also it needs to be noted that the Freedom Coach which cost £79,000 is fully depreciated.

Future Plans

The Trustees and Officers have seen a recent increase in demand for their transport services and expect a busy year. They are aware that The Freedom Coach needs replacing and after reviewing the specialist vehicles available, they have chosen a supplier and ordered a replacement coach which is due for delivery early in 2026.

Conclusion

The trustees place on record their enormous appreciation for the hard work, much of it unpaid, which is needed for the efficient running of the Freedom Coach service in and among the Blairgowrie community.



Chairman

17 June 2025