



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 – 2025

***CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY
BY THE COMMUNITY***

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LADYWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 28th October 2025

AT 11.00am

AGENDA

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR AND OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST AGM
4. CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT
5. AUDITED ACCOUNTS
6. ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS
7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
8. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
9. A.O.C.B.
10. CLOSING REMARKS



Annual General Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Apologies:

introduce himself and . Thanked everyone for attending. Including service users. Condolences to

Approval of Minutes from 2023:

approved the minutes

Co-ordinator's Report:

both thanked the service users for their help and support throughout the year at our Table Top Sales and attending our groups.

Audited Accounts:

informed the meeting that the Independent Examiner's Accounts would be available to all Members of the Committee.

Adoption of Independent Examiner's accounts:

thanked for adopting the Accounts.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

All happy having as the Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

Election of Management Committee:

thanked the Management Committee for all their hard work and checked that all current members were happy to continue on which they were.

AOCB

thanked for staying for the meeting and also thanked for his help.

Date of next meeting

To be decided



CONTACT DETAILS

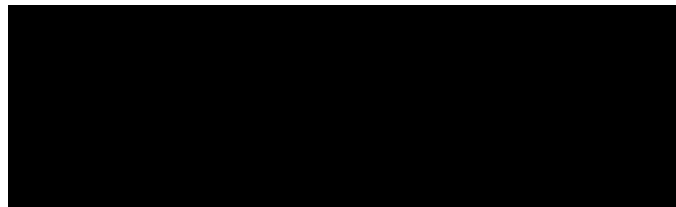
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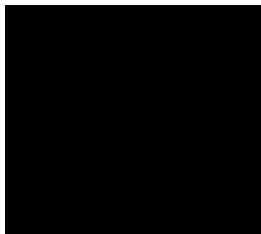
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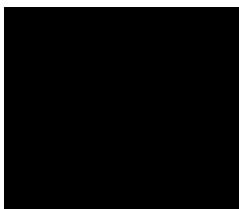
STAFF



 – Project Co-Ordinator



 - Administrative Assistant



 – Cleaner

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Trustees: Our Management Committee are made up from a mixture of skilled professionals and individuals along with volunteers and service users. The board meets 6 times a year.

Chairperson

joined the Management Committee in September 2015. is an experienced finance Director who works with owner managed growth businesses. He brings a wealth of financial knowledge and expertise which provides support and financial oversight to the organisation.

Vice Chairperson

was a primary school class/ASN teacher with West Lothian Council for many years until ill health forced her to retire. She is a Ladywell resident and joined the LNN committee in 2019. has experience of organising and developing new initiatives as well as some staff management experience. She is an active member of many of our groups and enjoys learning new skills from others. credits LNN with rescuing her from severe social isolation after the death of her oldest son.

Honorary Treasurer

has been involved with LNN for a number of years. Initially as a group member and volunteer, then joining the Management Committee in 2009. is a retired Clinical Nurse Specialist and has

Honorary Secretary

first came to LNN as a group member and then a volunteer. She joined the Management Committee in 2018. and shows great empathy and understanding of the needs of individuals and in communication.

Committee Member

lives in Ladywell and first came to LNN to join the craft group but quickly became involved in volunteering. She has since taken on the role of leading the gardening group with great success. She joined the Management Committee in 2011.

Committee Member

has been an active volunteer with LNN for many years joining the Management Committee in 2004. has a background in catering and has a good knowledge of Food Hygiene and Health & Safety requirements.

Committee Member

joined our management committee in 2022. She is a very committed member of several of our groups and has great life experiences. supports our fundraising activities. Isabel is a retired Psychiatric Nurse and has lived in Ladywell for over 50 years

Committee Member

joined the management committee in 2019 and is a resident of Ladywell. She was previously social worker then went onto managing a day centre for the elderly. has experience in planning, budgeting and funding applications and is experienced in facilitating activities and events.

██████████ – Committee Member

██████████ joined our management committee in 2022, and previously worked for another small charity so gained lots of experience there, ██████████ also worked as a trainer for adult education. ██████████ is a keen crafter and often donates her makes for fundraisers, she also supports our fundraising activities.

██████████ – Committee Member

██████████ Joined our Management Committee in 2022, retired hairdresser and shows great empathy and understanding of the needs of individuals and has good Communication and Listening Skills, and a natural eye for artistry which she carried over to her card making hobby which she is keen to share her knowledge and techniques with others, and often donates cards to be sold to help us raise funds.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

24/25

I'm pleased to report on my seventh year as chairman of Ladywell Neighbourhood Network. It's our birthday this year, as we turn 40. For most of us, our 40ths were a while ago but we rejoice in staying active and engaged with others.

We have been as busy as ever at the Network. Our mission is to serve our community and provide creative and fun ways for people to enjoy each other's company. We combat isolation and ill health.

We run a wide range of activities in our premises and around the neighbourhood. We have been grateful to Forestbank Community Centre, who have been hosting our Monday Meetups, Helping Hands and Rummikub Klub. This has enabled us to support a larger number of clients.

We are pleased to report growing membership in the last year, as we serve more people in our community.

We have a strong committee who help run the Network. I am grateful for them and our network co-ordinator, [REDACTED], supported by our administrator [REDACTED]. This year we say a sad goodbye to trustees [REDACTED] who have served us for many years ([REDACTED] as co-chair).

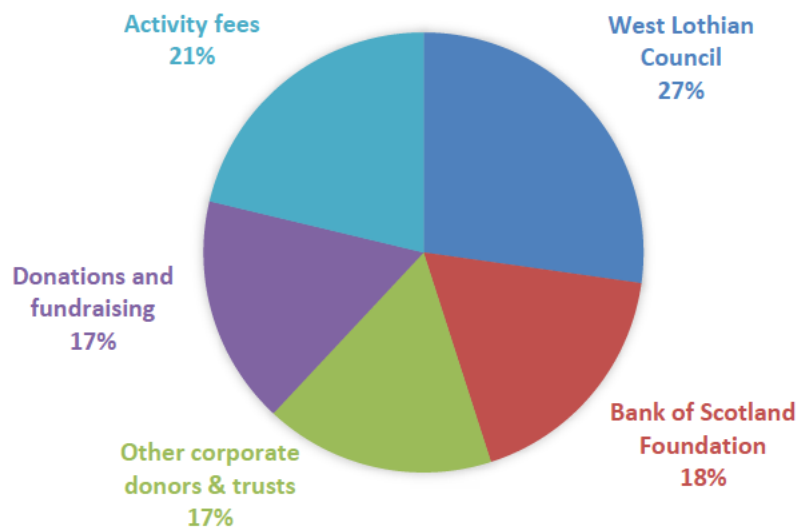
Our outdoor health and wellbeing Worker, [REDACTED], joined in September 2022 and we bid him a fond farewell on 12 October 2025. [REDACTED] has been a delight to work with – cheerful, resourceful and industrious.

We have been blessed by our new partnerships with Salvation Army and TCV, and were pleased to welcome [REDACTED] as a trustee in April 2025.

Finance

The Network has worked hard at fundraising and seeking donations during the year. We are grateful to the organisations and individuals who have given money, materials and time. We also acknowledge the advice and support of our link officer from [REDACTED].

24/25 INCOME



Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

October 2025

ABOUT LNN



Livingston was designated as a 'new town' in 1962 and although the first new residents moved into Craigshill in 1966, it was a number of years before other residential areas such as Ladywell were completed. By the late 70's many areas, including Ladywell, were populated and it was becoming apparent that problems had arisen associated with people who now found themselves displaced from the networks of friends and family who had previously provided support.

The Neighbourhood Networks were the brainchild of Livingston Ecumenical Parish church. They recognised the needs of those who had made the move from the big cities but now felt isolated and were separated from the communities that had provided practical help and support. In the early 1980's unemployment was also high and this meant there was a supply of willing volunteers who were happy to do something useful with their time.

Bringing these two groups together seemed an obvious solution and in October 1985 the inaugural meeting of Ladywell Neighbourhood Network was held.

Over the past 40 years Ladywell and the needs of the community who live here, have changed. In response to these changing needs LNN has evolved and developed and will continue to do so to meet the ever-changing demands of the community we serve.

LNN's Vision

To build a community where everyone has access to companionship, skill building and social equality.

LNN's Mission

LNN exists to create a vibrant hub for adults in the heart of our community reducing social isolation and improving well-being.

We are an independent organisation working in a trusted partnership with West Lothian Council providing opportunities for social contact, practical help & support and serving the local community in a variety of ways. We provide a vital network of interest and support groups working with around 200 individuals each year who may otherwise find themselves feeling isolated or vulnerable, often due to major lifestyle changes over which they have no control. We are constantly seeking new projects which will meet the needs of Ladywell and the surrounding communities.



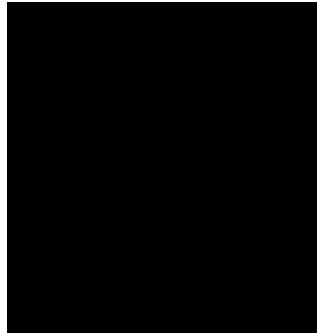
On May 25th 2016 we took the step of becoming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This was a major change for us but we believe that in the long run the work and effort will be worth it.

The main benefits for LNN becoming a SCIO are:

- The liability of our charity trustees is limited and members are not liable to contribute to the assets if the charity is wound up.
- A SCIO has a legal personality and can undertake transactions in its own right.
- It has a single regulator which is OSCR.
- It has freedom to take all steps and actions in pursuit of its charitable objects.
- Creditors have certain protection when conducting business with a SCIO.

VOLUNTEERS

LNN has an incredible group of volunteers who work with us to provide our services. From group helpers throughout the week to our Trustees they all give of their time freely and with great enthusiasm and we are very grateful for their support.



Volunteering is a great way to support your local community while developing, or passing on, skills and experience. We are always in need of volunteers and with new programmes planned for the coming year we would love you to join our team. The gardening team especially can always use some extra help.

LNN ONLINE

LNN's website is a resource which we recently redesigned and relaunched. This and the use of social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter is helping us to keep service users engaged and perhaps reach some new ones.

Find us at: www.ladywellnn.org.uk
Or on **Facebook**: Ladywellnn
Or on **Twitter**: @ladywellnn



CURRENT SERVICES

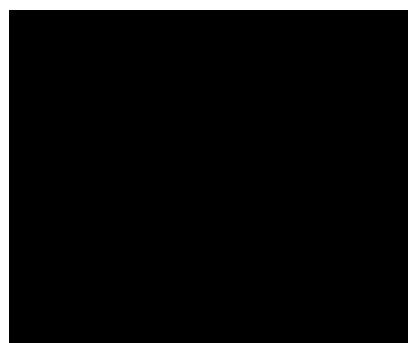
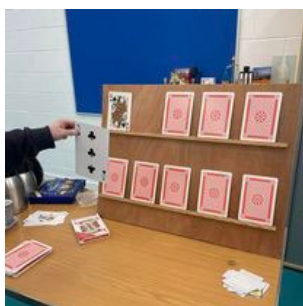
Monday Meet up Social Club

Monday 1pm – 3pm - £2.00

Held at Forestbank Community Centre

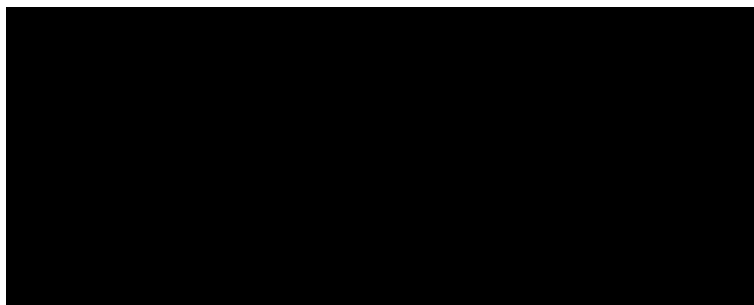
Our Monday afternoon meet ups provide significant health benefits for those who are socially active. Those who participate in social activities have a schedule, places to be, people who expect them to show up, and a reason to wake up in the morning.

Many studies show that social activity, participation and integration have great positive effects on overall health and wellbeing.



An enjoyable afternoon playing games

The Social club members enjoy the varied programme of entertainment and activities. Tea or coffee and biscuits are served at the group.



Winner of the Week

Teamwork



TUESDAYS
10AM - 12PM

Triominos Troopers - Tuesday 10am – 12noon - £2.00

This men's group branched off from the Thursday Board Buddies group, encouraging an extra weekly opportunity to meet and socialise by playing Triominos and the occasional game of Rummikub and Dominoes. Tea, biscuits and banter included!



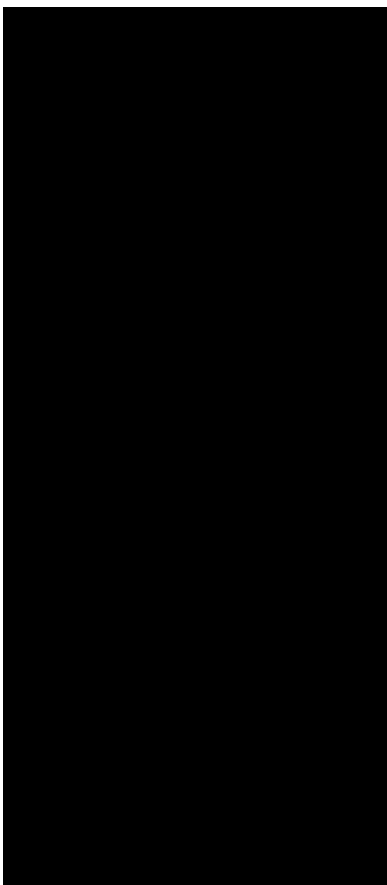
Thingamajig Tuesday- Tuesday 1pm -3pm - £2.00

Our clients like to come along to this group for a whole mix of activities, board games and anything else you might like to try!



Chat-tea Crafters -Wednesday 10am – 12noon - £2.00

The Chat-Tea Crafters is a great place to be on a Wednesday morning. The group does exactly what the name suggests, they chat, drink tea (or coffee) and craft. Our members between them have many skills such as knitting and crochet, jewellery making, quilting and card making to name but a few and this friendly group of ladies are always happy to help new members learn the basics.



Rummikub Klub- Wednesday 1pm-3pm - £2.00

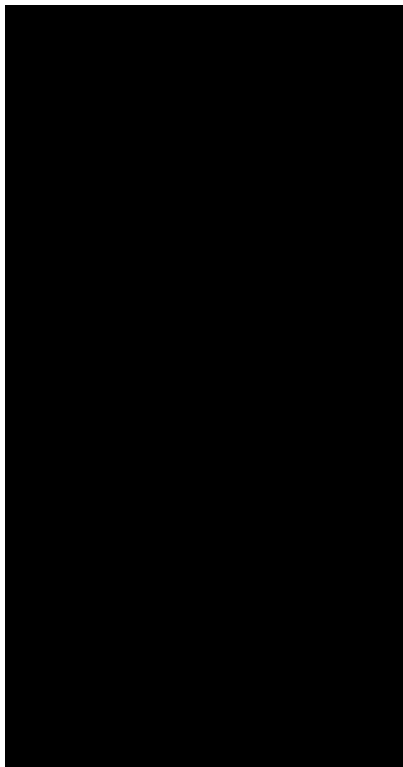
Held at Forestbank Community Centre

This fledgling group has gone from strength to strength with players of all levels. Making their afternoon enjoyable but challenging game play testing their skills

Helping Hands-Wednesday 10am -12noon - £2.00

Held at Forestbank Community Centre

The Group have been knitting items for various charitable causes including St John's Hospital Maternity Ward, Salvation Army and the overseas "Fish and Chip Babies". Here are just a few of the items produced for charity whilst enjoying socialising with friends...



Fit to Live- Thursday 10am – 12noon - £1.50

The Fit to Live group meets once a week and provides support, advice and education for people who want to lose weight. The group has been particularly successful in supporting those who have struggled with weight issues over a long period of time and have emotional and stress triggered eating patterns.

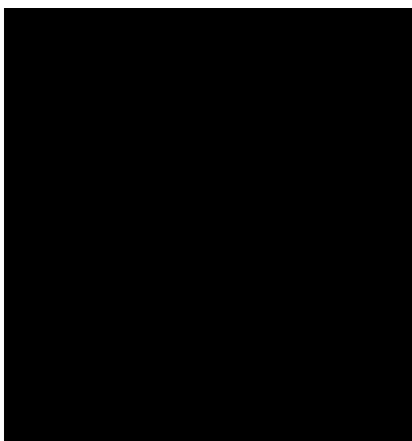
Board Buddies- Thursday afternoon 1pm – 3pm - £2.00

Our Men's group is a friendly group open to new members to play cards, dominoes or board games. We have lots of banter and compete for the winner of the week trophy.



Night Owls- Every Thursay 7pm -9pm - £2.00

This fairly new group hoped to encourage new members to join us for an evening taster session where they can learn and play new games while socialising with others. This group is perfect for those who live alone and work during the day, offering a great opportunity to connect and have fun. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of our community.



Theatre Starlets

This group initially came about after chatting with clients that many of groups members, enjoyed a evening at the theatre to see a show but did not want to attend alone. So we look for productions that are at our local howden park centre theatre, Giving us the ease of travel and company to catch a show. Usually 8-10 times annually

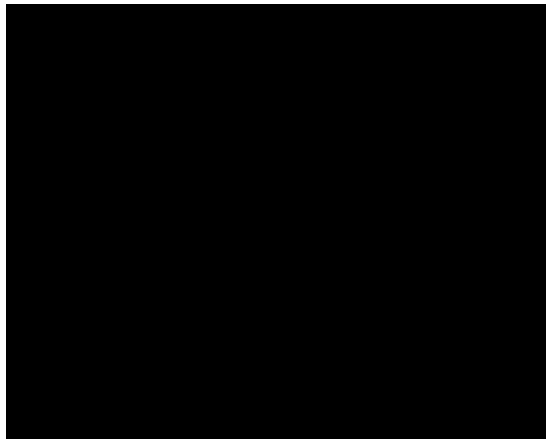
Outings

This year we had two main outings (Portobello beach and Largs) and several mini outings with Seagull trust Barge Cruises.

Secret Gardeners

Our growing together group have been involved in partnership working with TCV, Howden Park Centre and NHS Lothian to bring the walled garden back into its former glory.

We have a long way to go but are keen to make this a space to be used by all of the Community and perhaps encourage volunteers of all ages to get their sleeves rolled up and get involved. No matter your skill level you would be made most welcome.



We would like to thank our great team of volunteers help with fundraising, supporting group activities and many other things.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Advice Shop
Age Scotland
Almond Housing Association
Asda Walmart Livingston
Bonus Ball Team
Co-Operative Group Ltd.
Spark
[REDACTED] (Auditor)
Toronto Primary School
Forestbank Community Centre
Ladywell Community Garden
Harrysmuir Primary School
Howden Health Centre
Inveralmond Community High School
Ladywell Baptist Church
Ladywell Community Council
Howden Community Council
Morrisons Carmondean
NHS Lothian Charity
Regeneration Team
S.C.V.O
TCV- The Conservation Volunteers
Salvation Army Livingston
West Lothian Connected
West Lothian Council
West Lothian Drug Alcohol Service
West Lothian Food Network
West Lothian Leisure
West Lothian Volunteer Network

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ladywell Neighbourhood Network could not carry out the work we do in the community without our amazing team of volunteers. We have around 20 volunteers who give of their valuable time and skills very generously and we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to every one of them. Our Management Committee are also volunteers and give their time and expertise at no cost. We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our team for donating your time, your skills and your continued support ... you do a fantastic job ... thank you!

Our thanks go also to West Lothian Council who have for many years provided our core funding which covers the basic running costs of the organisation.

Further thanks must also go to the Bonus Ball team for their regular donations throughout the year.

LNN relies also on the many grant making trusts who have generously donated to our work over the past year, enabling us to develop new projects and maintain existing ones.

Finally we would like to extend our grateful thanks to our auditor, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for auditing our accounts once again.



**LADYWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD
NETWORK
AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2024/2025**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24/25

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Ladywell Neighbourhood Network.

Registered charity number SC017410

On the accounts of the charity for the year to 31/03/25 set out on pages 1 to 3

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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 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 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 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
have 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

9/9/25

Name _____

Relevant _____

Address _____

LADYWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH

	Restricted	General	2025	2024
INCOME				
WLC Grant	375.00	5297.00	5672.00	24385.07
BOS Foundation		10000.00	10000.00	
Wellbeing		10000.00	10000.00	3487.50
TVC		1500.00	1500.00	2498.63
CoOp Fund		500.00	500.00	1149.69
Fundraising		8833.00	8833.00	3921.89
Other Donations		11700.00	11700.00	2566.89
Activities		9239.00	9239.00	7900.30
	<u>375.00</u>	<u>57069.00</u>	<u>57444.00</u>	<u>45909.97</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Staff Costs				
Salaries and Pension		45645.00	45645.00	38909.81
Expenses	24	188.00	212.00	347.61
	<u>24.00</u>	<u>45833.00</u>	<u>45857.00</u>	<u>39257.42</u>
Property Costs				
Rent			0.00	4650.00
Light & Heat		982.00	982.00	1057.01
Cleaning/Maintenance		84.00	84.00	99.46
Insurance		538.00	538.00	521.03
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1604</u>	<u>1604.00</u>	<u>6327.50</u>
Supplies & Services				
Activities	375.00	1391.00	1766.00	2901.59
Transport		1956.00	1956.00	0.00
	<u>375.00</u>	<u>3347.00</u>	<u>3722.00</u>	<u>2901.59</u>
Administration				
Post, Stationery		52.00	52.00	46.11
Telephone, Broadband		867.00	867.00	831.35
Equipment			0.00	177.12
Payroll Fees			0.00	0.00
Accountant Fee		220.00	220.00	220.00
Bank Charges		323.00	323.00	205.57
Sundries		132.68	132.68	1737.23
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1594.68</u>	<u>1594.68</u>	<u>3217.38</u>
Total	<u>399.00</u>	<u>52378.68</u>	<u>52777.68</u>	<u>51703.89</u>
SURPLUS for current year	-24.00	4690.32	4666.32	-5793.92
Funds b/f	299.10	26652.45	26951.55	32745.47
Funds c/f	<u>275.10</u>	<u>31342.77</u>	<u>31617.87</u>	<u>26951.55</u>

Notes

The trustees work on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration.
There are no endowment funds

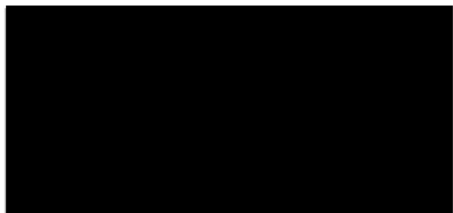
LADYWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH
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	2025	2024
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Current Account	30585.97	26129.50
Activities Cash	1101.90	892.05
Cash in Hand	150.00	150.00
	<u>31837.87</u>	<u>27171.55</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors/Accruals	220.00	220.00
Deferred Income (Ace)	0.00	0.00
	<u>220.00</u>	<u>220.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u><u>31617.87</u></u>	<u><u>26951.55</u></u>
Represented by		
UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUND		
Balance Brought Forward	26652.45	31600.99
Surplus for current year	4690.32	-4948.54
Balance carried Forward	<u>31342.77</u>	<u>26652.45</u>
RESTRICTED FUND		
Balance Brought Forward	299.10	1144.48
Deficit for current year	-24.00	-845.38
Balance carried Forward	<u>275.10</u>	<u>299.10</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>31617.87</u></u>	<u><u>26951.55</u></u>

Note - there are no endowment funds

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustee consider that the audit requirement does not apply. The financial statements were approved by the trustees on _____ and are signed on their behalf by _____

Signature



Date

9/9/25

LADYWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK
RESTRICTED FUNDS
for the year to 31/03/25

Provider
Edinburgh Airport
[REDACTED]
Vol Sector Wellbeing
WLC
Total

Purpose
transport, equipment
volunteer development
Rent
Christmas

b/f	Income	Expense	c/f
	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
299	0	24	275
	0	0	0
	375	375	0
299	375	399	275