

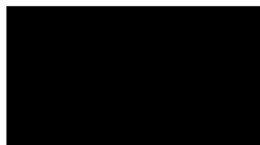
**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**  
  
**CHARITY NUMBER SC039365**

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AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST

CHARITY INFORMATION

TRUSTEES



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**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**Charitable purposes**

The purpose of Ayr Community Rugby Trust is to advance the participation in sport and physical education of pupils at schools and clubs in the local community, particularly in the game of rugby union football.

ACRT principally fundraises to ensure that reserves are available to employ a rugby development officer and support team.

The development officer's aims are to increase the number of children playing rugby within Ayrshire. The development officer works in conjunction with the Scottish Rugby Union programmes to meet the key performance indicators of the role.

ACRT was awarded charitable status on 1st March 2008 and on 17th April 2013 became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

**Activities and achievements**

**Introduction**

Ayr Community Rugby Trust (ACRT) is responsible for delivering the community rugby programme in Ayrshire on behalf of Ayr Rugby Club. Our primary objective is to grow youth rugby, boys and girls, in the local community and delivery of that objective entails.

*Increase participation in rugby:*

We create opportunity through innovative programs to engage participants in rugby regardless of sex, age, sexual orientation or social status, removing barriers to participation in rugby union, ensuring the quality of delivery and experience are of the highest standard.

*Impact education:*

We promote and recognise the vocational skills gained through participation in rugby, such as leadership, communication and teamwork. ACRT uses rugby as the vehicle to run educational programs to support communities and participants, tackle the challenges of modern society and the ever-changing environment.

*Support recruitment, transition and retention of young players within the sport of rugby:*

We develop robust pathways for players, coaches and volunteers, ensuring that the appropriate levels of support are provided throughout. We provide support, training and resources to develop confidence in young players at key transitional points.

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**Activities and achievements (continued)**

The ACRT Community Programme is funded by our partners, The Scottish Rugby Union and South Ayrshire Council (which together fund about 50% of the Programme) together with funds raised at ACRT's Long Lunch, which funds the balance. The Programme is dependent on this funding, and we would like to thank the SRU, South Ayrshire Council and all those who support the Long Lunch each May. Our SRU funding has been confirmed for a further three years. This will enable ACRT to continue to fund the Programme led by our Development Officer Frazier Climo and his team.

On a pure numbers basis, the 2024/25 Programme has been our most productive yet.

Details are set out below.

**School Rugby**

Through our coaching team we delivered more than 1300 coaching sessions in primary and secondary schools over the course of the year. A sizeable number of the players who took part in those sessions went on to join Ayr Rugby Club and we saw growth in the number of youth girls playing at Ayr Rugby Club. Further details are as follows: -

**BELMONT ACADEMY – SCHOOL OF RUGBY**

Participation has increased year on year following the introduction of the School of Rugby and 2024/25 was no different.

S1 pupils - 35

S2 pupils - 25

S3 pupils - 20

The Belmont Academy SOR has been a massive success. In S1 – S2 each player received 3 sessions per week plus monthly modules including nutrition, mental health & wellbeing, and online safety. Pupils in S3 received these modules plus a double period of rugby and strength and conditioning once a week.

Belmont also compete against other local secondary schools in the Ayr Schools Cup.

One of the biggest positives from the programme has been to see the opportunities and confidence it has given both male and female pupils who are new to the sport or who may have had limited opportunities to be involved in rugby and seeing those young players transitioning to Ayr RFC youth teams and becoming Ayr RFC members.

ACRT also paid for new playing strips for all pupils representing Belmont Academy.

**AYR ACADEMY**

ACRT delivered 4-week rugby blocks to S1 and S2 twice a week. Each session has 20-25 pupils from each class. Ayr Academy pupils also compete in local rugby festivals.

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**Activities and achievements (continued)**

**KYLE ACADEMY**

ACRT delivered sessions to 80 boys in S1 who received a 6-week block of contact rugby. This was followed up by monthly secondary contact festivals between local schools for the Ayr Schools Cup.

ACRT also delivered additional after school rugby for Kyle Academy.

Springtime will see a 6-week block of girls' rugby delivered with a number of festivals against other schools in Ayr.

**QUEEN MARGARET ACADEMY**

We delivered a block to all S1 and S2s girls at the school and have started up an after-school club for girls wanting contact rugby. We will also be delivering S3 leadership training over the coming months.

**PRESTWICK ACADEMY**

ACRT delivered a 4-week block to all S1 & S2 pupils of contact / non-contact rugby. A total of 150 pupils.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL RUGBY**

A key focus was once again to target certain primary schools as Schools of Rugby as we have concluded that early participation in rugby is key to retaining players going forward. ACRT delivered sessions to the following schools:

Forehill Primary – Full classes P6/7  
Coylton Primary – 20 boys / 15 girls  
Doonfoot Primary – Full classes P6/7  
Alloway Primary – Full classes boys/girls P5/6/7  
Ayr Grammar Primary – Full classes boys/girls P5/6/7  
Tarbolton Primary - Full classes P5/6/7

ACRT has put together a new rugby programme targeting the transition of players (particularly girls) from schools to club rugby from the primary 6/7 age group. Schools welcomed the opportunity to be involved with this new programme. Coaches deliver one session per week to boys and girls throughout the year. Numbers have been hugely positive once again with some schools adding primary 5 pupils to the Programme.

For primary schools not involved in the SOR programme we will continue to deliver 4-week rugby blocks to each school (full classes) as often as we can. We currently deliver this model to 15 primary schools in South Ayrshire and that number will continue to grow in the coming months.

**Walking Rugby**

The trust continues to deliver Walking Rugby sessions to an older generation at Millbrae. As well as encouraging activity among those who find it a challenge to get involved in sport, it also provides a social hub for individuals to enjoy conversation over coffee and bacon roll.

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**Activities and achievements (continued)**

**Final Remarks**

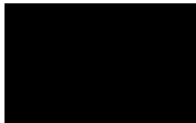
I would like to thank our partners and donors for their support over the last year. We are dependent on their support to deliver our services which are needed more than ever.

**Reserves**

The charity have a policy of keeping reserves at a level of around six months costs, that will allow the trustees to continue with the charitable objectives for a lengthy period should fundraising income drop and grants cease. This would enable the charity to wind down slowly and complete any commitments it has made.

**Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year are as follows:



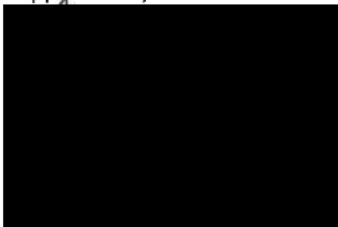
**Recruitment and appointment of Trustees**

All of the Trust's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the Management Committee at our annual general meeting.

**Governing document**

Ayr Community Rugby Trust is a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and is governed by its constitution.

Approved by the Trustees on 22/12/2025 and signed on behalf of the trustees as a body.



**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 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 Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 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 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, 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.



22/12/2025

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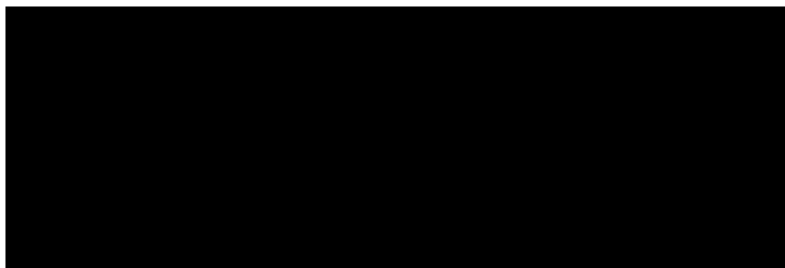
**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	<b><u>NOTE</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>					
Fundraising - Long Lunch		123,810	-	123,810	114,842
Donations		10,500	-	10,500	10,000
Grants received		-	72,448	72,448	7,467
Coaching		-	-	-	590
		<u>134,310</u>	<u>72,448</u>	<u>206,758</u>	<u>132,899</u>
<b><u>Other income</u></b>					
Interest Received		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>134,310</u>	<u>72,448</u>	<u>206,758</u>	<u>132,899</u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>					
Fundraising expenses - Long Lunch		67,045	-	67,045	59,437
<b><u>Payments for charitable activities</u></b>					
Salaries		-	66,129	66,129	68,975
Employers NI		-	84	84	-
Employers Pension		-	960	960	820
Travelling expenses		-	-	-	1,042
Accountancy		3,600	-	3,600	1,140
Donations	1	-	-	-	-
Insurance		2,076	-	2,076	1,796
Bank Charges		53	-	53	12
		<u>72,774</u>	<u>67,173</u>	<u>139,947</u>	<u>133,223</u>
<b><u>Net income / (expense)</u></b>		61,536	5,275	66,811	- (325)
Cash balance brought forward		26,645	-	26,645	26,970
Cash balance carried forward		<u>88,181</u>	<u>5,275</u>	<u>93,456</u>	<u>26,645</u>



**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

	<b><u>NOTE</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b>Bank and cash in hand</b>			
Bank balance		93,456	26,645
		<u>93,456</u>	<u>26,645</u>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted Funds		88,181	26,645
Restricted Funds	3	5,275	-
		<u>93,456</u>	<u>26,645</u>
<b>Computer Equipment</b>			
Apple MacBook Air		77	115
4 Refurbished Laptops		63	94
		<u>140</u>	<u>209</u>
Total Computer Equipment		<u>140</u>	<u>209</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
General Funds		93,456	26,645
Computer Equipment		140	209
		<u>93,596</u>	<u>26,854</u>
Total Assets		<u>93,596</u>	<u>26,854</u>



**AYR COMMUNITY RUGBY TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**NOTE 1 - GRANTS PAID**

**2025**  
**£**

**2024**  
**£**

The charity paid out grants to the following parties:

No grants or donations were paid in the year.

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-	-
-	-

**NOTE 2 - TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

The trustees did not receive any remuneration and £nil (2024 - £nil) of expenses were reimbursed during the year.

**NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED FUNDS**

<u>NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED FUNDS</u>					
	C/F	Received	Paid Out	C/F	
Scottish Rugby Union	1	-	65,448	(60,173)	5,275
South Ayrshire Council	1	-	7,000	(7,000)	-
		-	72,448	(67,173)	5,275

- <sup>1</sup> The restricted funds were to be used to help fund the salary of the development officer and assistant development officer. Several payments had been made to Ayr Rugby Football Club in respect of previous years and were transferred to the Trust in this current year.