

Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC041737

Details

Known as Bellsmyre Digital

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2010-08-26

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty', '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'

What the charity does: The Bellsmyre Digital Community was set up in 2001 to advance education, particularly in the field of communication technology: to relieve the needs of people suffering from mental or/ and physical disability by increasing access to advice and/or other support services and facilities. To promote and / or provide training, particularly in such information technology skills as would assist participants in gaining employment and / or adding to career CV'S. We also work with other agencies by engaging in relevant partnership projects: eg the Schools History Project and by hiring out our training facilities with appropriate technical support.

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

Objectives: The organisation's purposes are: as follows and shall be consistent with our ethos: "where everyone is included": To advance education, particularly in the field of information and communications technology. To relieve the needs of people suffering from physical or mental disability, illness and/or impairment, and other vulnerable groups within the community, and in particular by improving their access to advice and/or other support services and facilities, and by reducing the social exclusion of such people through improved communication networks. To promote and/or provide training, particularly in such skills as would assist the participants in gaining employment within the field of information and communications technology. To relieve unemployment in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** West Dunbartonshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,981	£57,118	-	2
2024-03-31	£49,107	£58,222	-	2
2023-03-31	£41,645	£58,226	-	2
2022-03-31	£62,138	£50,218	-	2
2021-03-31	£84,658	£55,455	-	2

Accounts

Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO

Financial Statements
Year ended 31 March 2025

Chalmers Accountants
Chartered Certified Accountants
85 Glasgow Road, Dumbarton, G82 1RE

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For Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO
Members and Trust Information
For Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Chairperson

[REDACTED] up to 30/09/24
[REDACTED] from 01/10/24

Project Manager/Secretary

[REDACTED]

Interim Treasurer

[REDACTED]

Councillor Adviser

Other Committee Members

Independent Examiners

Chalmers Accountants
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Bankers

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Charity Number

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Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO Report of Committee of Management For Year Ended 31 March 2025

Governing Document

The Association became a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 9 November 2015. Our purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution. Previously the Association was an unincorporated organisation.

Charitable Purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our constitution, aims and objectives are:

- To advance education, particularly in the field of information and communication technology
- To relieve the needs of the people suffering from physical or mental disability, illness and/or impairment, and other vulnerable groups within the community, and in particular by improving their access to advice and/or other support services and facilities, and by reducing the social exclusion of such people through improved communication networks
- To promote and/or provide training, particularly in such skills as would assist the participants in gaining employment within the field of information and communications technology
- To relieve unemployment in such ways as may be thought fit, including assistance to find employment.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed or re-appointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting.

Staff

Bellsmyre Digital Community has two full time members of staff - [REDACTED] Project Manager and [REDACTED] IT Technician - plus a number of volunteers.

Rationale

- West Dunbartonshire remains amongst the most deprived areas in Scotland in terms of prosperity, employment, opportunity. The Scottish government recognises that there are still major inequalities in these areas.
- Research has, over several years, conclusively proven that digital literacy and social skills can improve quality of life in terms of employability, self confidence, the ability and motivation to make better health choices.
- We are committed to improving digital inclusion and social inclusion for people aged 8yrs old to 100 yrs old.

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Volunteers

Our ever growing team of volunteers is diverse in terms of age, skills, experience and interests. They are integral to the success of our services delivery.

Volunteers under 25

Our 13 to 25 yr old volunteers are encouraged to sign up to the national Saltire Volunteers Award scheme via SCVO. The hours recorded can also count towards the Duke of Edinburgh and Caritas awards.

Parent Volunteers

Parental involvement continues to grow re gaming supervision and STEM involvement

Youth leadership Programme

We have introduced a Youth Leadership programme for our younger volunteers, developing soft skills in preparation for life after school. The programme is open to our young volunteers aged thirteen to sixteen years old.

SERVICES PROVISION

IT Support and Social Connectivity

Our Digital Champions continue to deliver IT support to our clients, tailored to their individual needs and interests. This service has been ongoing with some of our clients since 2020 and in this respect, mirrors some of the benefits of our Befriending programme.

IT Advice, Support and Repairs

Advice and support are provided by our qualified IT technician. Advice and support are free. Repairs cost only £10 plus any parts, if required.

Employability – SQA CSC Courses at level 5 (Working4U)

We have further developed our partnership with West Dunbartonshire Council's Working4U team. Via hire of our PC suite we facilitate a second SQA course supporting 18-25 yr olds into work

Working4U Jobs Fair

Over 300 people attended this initiative

Employability – BDC Youth Leadership Programme

Our young gaming and STEM volunteers have the opportunity to join our Youth Leadership Programme, preparing them for life after school.

Employability – Our Young Volunteers in Action

██████ one of our young volunteers, took the lead on the gaming aspect of our pilot education project. Gaming was at the heart of the programme and ██████ leadership and self confidence was impressive. He absolutely stepped up. He was also one of the leads in the gaming aspect of the Schools History Project – in terms of planning, setting up and also delivery.

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Dumbarton Castle Society Schools History Project (DCS)

Following on from last year's very successful pilot, we worked in partnership with DCS and with our local primary and secondary schools to deliver an extravaganza of experiences reflecting the history of Dumbarton Castle, the river and the town. The pupils proudly showcased their class work project, centred around their chosen theme. Over 300 children took part over the two days.

Saturday Gaming Clubs (8-16 yr olds)

Our lead gaming volunteers play a key role in the success of this club. Originally we ran from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm. However, in order to meet very high demand we created a second session. We continue to run from 9.30 am to 11.30 am and 11.30 am to 13.30 pm. We encourage social interaction in the gaming suite and we also build in snack time in the café area, with the two groups overlapping.

After School Gaming Clubs (8-16 yr olds)

Wednesday after school club (3pm - 5pm) for 8-16 yr olds. This club has remained free. We provide a free snack and soft drink.

Giving Our Young People a Voice

Regular meetings both formal and informal with our gaming volunteers has been key to shaping the format of the club. Consultation with our gaming youngsters, many of whom are neuro diverse, plays a major part in the development and inclusive ethos of the club.

Befriending Service

We introduced this service on the first day of lockdown in March 2020. Volunteers support us.

Computer Club

One of our clients just recently secured a part time job with support from our team. This is an informal club rather than a class and we offer support to all ages in response to individual needs and interests. e.g. creating a CV, job searches, writing a job application, online shopping, making and printing address labels, writing formal letters. The club also serves as a warm hub and a place to gather for a cuppa and a chat.

Astronomy Club

The club continues to meet twice a month using a hybrid format - face to face in the Concord and online via Zoom, enabling people who need/prefer to be at home or elsewhere to take part online. We offer Zoom training, if required. Several field trips took place in local areas throughout the autumn and winter months – the highlight this year was the spectacular Aurora on the Loch shore at Duck Bay. This Aurora was widely recognised as the most spectacular for many years and brought visitors to the Loch from all over the country.

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Astronomy Club Calendar

We published our 2025 calendar, showcasing the enormous talent of several members of the Astronomy club, some of whom are not formally educated either academically or in the art of photography. These people are self taught and the resultant photos can be breath taking. It is important that we acknowledge this talent and the willingness to share their talent for the enjoyment of the wider community.

Knitting/Crochet Club - "Hats Galore" Project

We continue our partnership with "Threads" a local small business, working together to knit hats for homeless people, rough sleepers, Food Banks, Early Learning Centres outdoor activities, warm hubs, individuals in the community . Together we distributed over 400 hats throughout the autumn of 2024 and the winter of 2025.

Free Childcare and Free Meals During School Holidays for 8-16 yr olds

Thanks to,West Dunbartonshire SHINE programme funding we continued to deliver free Gaming Tech Camps and STEM camps with free lunch Monday to Friday throughout school holidays for 8-16 year olds.

3D PRINTING

Memorial Plaques.

We continued our 3D printing initiative to support third sector and charitable organisations. In particular, we designed and printed bespoke plaques for families and organisations, in memory of those who have passed away through addiction. e.g. Alternatives, Rock Recovery

Dumbarton Castle Society Schools History Project

We 3D printed replica Medieval knights armour, Romans and Vikings battle helmets to support the Dumbarton Castle Society's Schools History Project

STEM Projects @ BDC

Parts for children to design and build camera assisted drones, hydro propelled rockets.

Astronomy Club

Additional parts to enhance the digital telescope for the Bellsmyre Digital Astronomy club.

Schools On-Line Safety Competition

We continue to work in partnership with Police Scotland on this very successful project.

Award Ceremony

We celebrated the winners in the stunning foyer of the Denny Civic Theatre in Dumbarton. In response to the quality and number of entrants we created three winning categories. The Provost and local councillors who attended as guests highly commended the event.

Christmas Family Party 2024

This was our first family party and, of course, Santa dropped by. Entertainment was provided by our house band, "The Third Rock", along with a young, new band comprising one of our gaming volunteers. A variety of local amateur musicians also contributed.

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PARTNERS

National

We have a strong relationship with Connecting Scotland, commissioned by Scottish government to address digital inequality and social isolation.

Local

West Dunbartonshire Council employability and education departments, several third sector and charitable organisations, local schools, local businesses, local newspapers and radio.

e.g. Alternatives, Ben View Centre, Clydesider Community magazine, The Community Advertiser, Cornerstone, Daily Record, Dumbarton Castle Society, Early Learning Centres, Food Banks, Police Scotland, River Radio, Rock Recovery, Primary and Secondary Schools, St. Augustine's church, Sweet Success Café (Alternatives), "Threads" local business, The Lennox Herald, The Vale of Leven Reporter, West Dunbartonshire Community Team, West Dunbartonshire Council CVS, SCVO.

INNOVATION

Working4U Jobs Fair

Over 300 people attended this initiative. We look forward to next year.

Education Pilot - 16 yr olds

Our plans from last year came to fruition. In partnership with WD Education Department we delivered a very successful six week programme bringing together young people who have been disengaged from school for several years. The main purpose was to devise a programme to enable a small group to socialise and integrate with their peers.

"Our Future High Street" Project (the New Artizan) – 15,16 yr olds

Regeneration of Dumbarton High Street had received almost £20 million Levelling Up funding and WDC had invited local opinion regarding planning. A small group of our youth volunteers carried out international research to determine how the new Artizan Centre might include modern, futuristic ideas which were at the same time practical and sustainable.e.g. kinetic pads under walkways, entrances into shops, play areas for children; free public solar powered device chargers.

These young people presented their proposals in person to Councillor David McBride who has responsibility for Regeneration and Magda Swider Regeneration Coordinator for WDC. Some of these young people found even the idea of public speaking challenging and they absolutely rose to the occasion. Both Councillor [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were very impressed and indicated that they would consider what ideas might be incorporated into the new Artizan.

INCOME STREAMS

Hire of PC Suite

We have solidified and developed our relationship with West Dunbartonshire Council Departments and they continue to hire our suite on a regular basis.

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Saturday Gaming Club

This club continues to be popular.

Schools In Service Days

We piloted gaming sessions for the day with free snacks. This looks to be sustainable.

IT Repairs

We advertise our IT repairs service in the Community Advertiser and on our Facebook page.

Working4U Jobs Fair

Over 300 people attended this initiative. We look forward to next year.

Astronomy Club Calendar

On sale to BDC members. Potential to make available to the wider community.

MARKETING and PUBLICITY

The Community Advertiser

Publishes our calendar every month.

The Media

We have an excellent relationship with the Daily Record, [REDACTED] and the Vale of Leven Reporter, which is now exclusively an online publication. They frequently feature our work both in their newspapers and online. We also feature on a regular basis in the Clydesider magazine.

Facebook

Facebook has become one of our main platforms for marketing and booking.

National Recognition

Finalists in SCVO's VIVA Awards 2024

FORWARD PLANNING

Consolidate and develop current initiatives e.g. STEM events

Consolidate and develop current income streams

Consider ideas from staff, the board, clients, partners and the wider community

Statement of Balances

As at 31 March 2025 the Charitable Trust had cash and bank balances totalling £49,009 (2024 - £60,146)

[REDACTED]

19 December 2025

Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO

Responsibilities of the Committee of Management

The responsibilities of the Committee of Management detailed below should be read in conjunction with the independent examiner's report as a means of distinguishing their respective responsibilities in relation to the financial statements.

Preparation of Financial Statements

The Committee of Management are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of its Receipts and Payments for that period.

Accounting Policies

In preparing the financial statements set out on pages 10 to 12 the Committee of Management have used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and all accounting standards which they consider to be applicable have been followed.

Accounting Records

The Committee of Management have responsibility for ensuring that the Trust keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Trust and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with appropriate legislation.

General Responsibility

The Committee of Management have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Trust and to detect irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO For Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 12.

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 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 8 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.



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Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO **Receipts and Payments Account** **For Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	General Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31/03/2025	Year ended 31/03/2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
WDC - Common Good Fund	33,102	-	33,102	37,293
WDC - Community Funds	-	2,800	2,800	10,499
WDC - Working 4 U	3,318	-	3,318	663
Gaming Projects	1,711	-	1,711	652
Sundry Income	5,050	-	5,050	-
	<u>43,181</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>45,981</u>	<u>49,107</u>
 Payments				
Salaries	36,523	-	36,523	36,323
Telephone and internet costs	1,527	-	1,527	957
Rent and property costs	17,560	-	17,560	19,210
Insurance	858	-	858	815
Accountancy	600	-	600	600
Project Costs	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	50	-	50	317
	<u>57,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,118</u>	<u>58,222</u>
 (Deficit) for the year	<u>(13,937)</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>(11,137)</u>	<u>(9,115)</u>

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Statement of Balances
As at 31 March 2025

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Cash Funds				
Opening balance	47,254	12,892	60,146	69,261
(Deficit) for the year	(13,937)	2,800	(11,137)	(9,115)
Closing balance	<u>33,317</u>	<u>15,692</u>	<u>49,009</u>	<u>60,146</u>

Approved by the Management Committee on 19 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-

R Aitken

Treasurer/Chairperson

B McCluskey

Chairperson

Bellsmyre Digital Community SCIO

Notes to the Financial Statements

For Year Ended 31 March 2025

Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Trust's financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, and Applicable Accounting Standards.

Receipts

Cash is received by way of grants and these are included in full in the Receipts and Payments as soon as they are received.

